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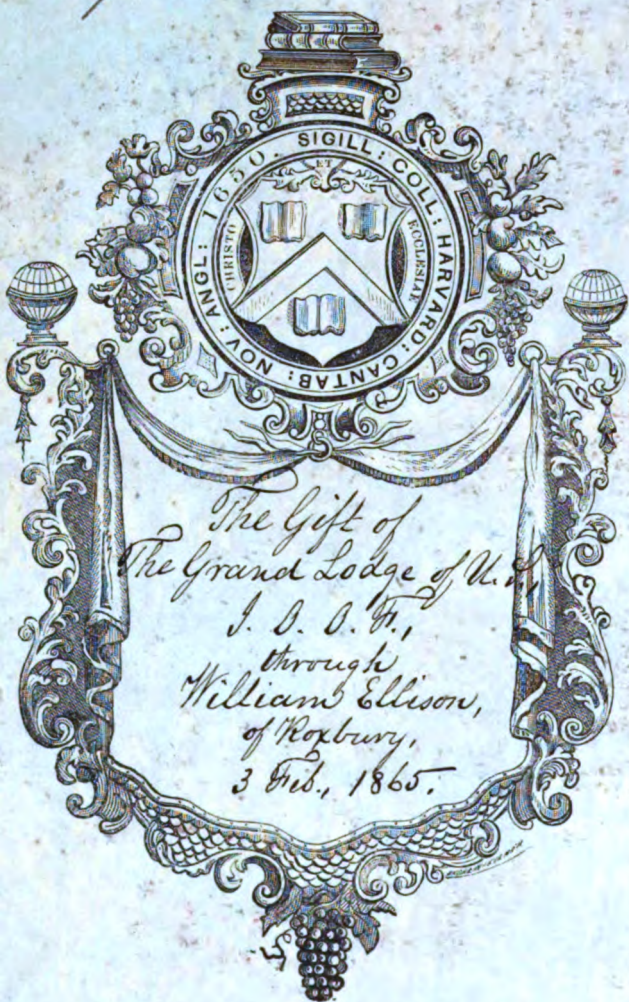
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R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES.

SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1864, HELD AT BOSTON, MASS.

Among other proceedings, the following was had :

“ On motion of P. G. Sire Ellison, of Massachusetts, resolved unanimously, that a copy of the Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and also copies of such other publications, relating to the history and progress of our institution, as may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, be presented to Harvard University.”

Attest,

J. S. Rayely
Cor. Sec.

Presented accordingly, this first day of November,
1864, by the hands of P. G. Sire Wm. Ellison.

J. S. Rayely
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From its Formation in February, 1821, to the Close of the Annual Session of 1862

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED
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In Grand Lodge of the United States, September 19, 1860.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the suggestions of the R. W. Grand Secretary relative to the republication of the Journal of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report :

That they have given the matter due consideration, and are of the opinion that the necessity of the case seems to admit of no alternative ; and they would therefore recommend that five hundred copies of the volumes be printed under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary, agreeably to the suggestions made in his report ; the work to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, after inviting proposals to that end.

L This report, having been laid on the table under the rule, was taken up on the 21st of September and adopted.—(*See Journal*, 3253, 3267, 3268.) Test : JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

PREFACE.

In obedience to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to be found on the preceding page, authorizing a republication of the Journal of that body, the undersigned, charged with that duty, now presents to the fraternity the third edition of that work, with a new Index, prepared at his instance, by P. G. Rep., F. A. Ellis, of Maryland, whose experience as an active member of the Grand Lodge for many years, affords the most ample assurance that his work will commend itself to the approbation of the Brotherhood. This publication differs from the former or second edition in several important particulars: it excludes the Digest, a new edition of which is also being prepared by Bro. Ellis; it omits the reports of D. D. G. Sires, and all returns of expulsions and rejections, and such extraneous matter as had no necessary connexion with the legislation of the body, thus compressing into four compact volumes, the whole work of the Grand Lodge from 1821 to 1862, inclusive. It has been deemed advisable to depart from the plan adopted in the second edition. Instead of combining the two, the present plan separates the Index from the Digest, and makes them entirely distinct works, the former referring exclusively to the legislation of the body in a continuing series, without distinguishing between repealed or obsolete laws and those now in force, but embracing the whole legislation of the Grand Lodge, and the latter applying itself exclusively to a Digest of the law as it now exists, without including antecedent conflicting legislation. The Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, as they exist at the time of the publication, and the several forms prescribed for applications and returns, are also included.

The portraits of the P. G. Sires, and that of P. D. G. Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh, especially ordered to be included, embellish the work, which is in all respects a faithful record of the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and is produced in a style of mechanical execution not inferior to either of the former editions.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1846.

MONDAY, September 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS SHERLOCK,	M. W. G. Sire.
Rev. ALBERT CASE,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. C. & R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JAS. D. McCABE,	R. W. G. Chaplain.
JNO. G. TREADWELL,	R. W. G. Marshal.
LEVIN JONES,	W. G. Guardian.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.
P. G. Sire THOS. WILDEY.	

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of States were present, the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. G. Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then by order of the Grand Sire proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect, which were read and referred to a committee.

The chair named Reps. Kneass, of Pa., Gilley, of N. Y., and Robinson, of Va., as the committee.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, the report was accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following Representatives as correct:

GRAND LODGES.

ARCHER ROPES,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
RICHARD MARLEY,		
M. COOKE, Jr.,	}	Reps. of Virginia.
ROBT. W. REID,		
PHILO M. JUDSON,	}	Reps. of Connecticut.
HENRY L. MILLER,		
WM. E. PARMENTER,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts
JOSEPH L. DREW,		
HENRY S. PATTERSON,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
GEORGE S. MORRIS,		
SAMUEL H. PARKER,	}	Reps. of New Hampshire.
CHARLES WELLS,		
EDWARD S. J. NEALLEY,		Rep. of Maine
E. B. WHITE,	}	Reps. of Rhode Island.
JAS. WOOD,		
EDWARD D. WELD,	}	Reps. of New Jersey.
JOHN L. PAGE,		
WM. W. MOORE,	}	Reps. of Dis. of Columbia.
JOSEPH BEARDSLEY,		
DAVID E. EGAN,	}	Reps. of New York.
R. N. BALDWIN,		
DAVID P. WATSON,		Rep. of Kentucky.
R. W. SEYMOUR,	}	Reps. of South Carolina.
W. G. DESAUSSURE,		
ALBERT G. DAY,	}	Reps. of Ohio.
ALEX. E. GLENN,		
W. R. FOSDICK,		Rep. of Louisiana.
ISAAC McKENDREE VEITCH,		Rep. of Missouri.
H. H. WHITNEY,		Rep. of Canada.
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,	}	Reps. of Georgia.
I. P. GARVIN,		
DAVID SALOMON,		Rep. of Alabama.
ASHER S. KELLOGG,		Rep. of Michigan.
WALTER S. McNAIRY,		Rep. of Tennessee.
B. B. TAYLOR,		Rep. of Indiana.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

WILLIAM BAYLEY,		Rep. of Maryland.
FRANKLIN W. GILLEY,	}	Reps. of New York.
JOS. D. STEWART,		
HORN R. KNEASS,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
JOHN W. STOKES,		
JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr.,		Rep. of Connecticut.
AMOS H. SEARFOSS,		Rep. of New Jersey.

WILLIAM ELLISON,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts.
NEWALL A. THOMPSON,		
CHARLES THOMAS,		
D. J. HOIT,		
WILLIAM R. SMITH,		
EDMUND C. ROBINSON,		Rep. of Ohio.
ALEXANDER K. MARSHALL,		Rep. of New Hampshire.
		Rep. of Maine.
		Rep. of Virginia.
		Rep. of Kentucky.

And as incorrect, Alexander MacRae's certificate, which is without the seal of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted, &c.,

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to admit Rep. MacRae, of N. C., to his seat, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate, the chair declared the motion to be out of order, as an infringement of the 10th Article of the Constitution.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being put: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the negative.

The motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., recurring, to admit the Representative of N. C., notwithstanding the informality of his certificate, Rep. Griffin, of Ga., offered the following as a substitute, which was resolved in the negative:

WHEREAS, the custom has prevailed to admit to their seats, Representatives whose certificates are informal; and whereas, it is proper that hereafter the custom shall be made to conform to the law:

Resolved, That Rep. MacRae, of N. C., whose certificate is informal by reason of the absence of the seal of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, be nevertheless admitted to his seat.

Resolved further, That hereafter Article X of the Constitution be strictly enforced.

Whereupon the resolution of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., was adopted.

The Journal of the last session being in process of reading, on motion, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

The chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Kneass, of Pa., Gilley, of N. Y., and Robinson, of Va.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Parmenter, of Mass., Smith, of Me., and Stokes, of Pa.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Moore, of D. of C., Marshall, of Ky., and Fosdick, of La.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Kellogg, of Mich., Miller, of Conn., and Griffin, of Ga.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Reps. Parker, of N. H., Taylor, of Ind., and Veitch, of Mo.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Marley, of Md., Thompson, of Mass., and Robinson, of Va.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Egan, of N. Y., McNairy, of Tenn., and White, of R. I.

Committee on Grand Lodges and Encampments not represented.—Reps. Glenn, of Ohio, Alsop, of Ill., and Whitney, of Can.

The Grand Secretary presented the returns of D. D. G. Sires Sewall, of Can., and Moore, of D. of C., of the opening of Grand Encampments within their respective districts, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report, which on motion, was referred to the following committee, to distribute the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees: Reps. White, of R. I., Judson, of Conn., and Day, of Ohio:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In presenting to your body his Annual Report, it is with the most lively satisfaction, that the Grand Sire congratulates you on the continued prosperity of the Order, and on the peace and harmony which, with but slight exceptions, pervade the entire jurisdiction. Under the protecting care of Divine Providence, Odd-Fellowship has gone on in its peaceful march, triumphing over the opposition of ignorance and bigotry, and drawing to its folds the good of all ranks and conditions of men. The truth of its principles, the beauty of its work, and the eminently practical nature of its operations have secured to it the affections of those who bow at its altars; and its charities have made it known to all men. Claiming only of the world that "the tree shall be judged by its fruit," the Order has, by its works, seated itself firmly in the respect and esteem of all who seek the amelioration of the condition of mankind. The great spectacle is now presented of 90,000 men banded together by the most endearing ties, and acting under one common head, whose objects in that association are to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan." How that work has been done hitherto, is matter of history. The returns of the present year exhibit an expenditure of \$190,000 for these objects, whilst the institution has been gradually strengthening itself for still more enlarged efforts.

In our gratulations upon this successful result of the labors of the brotherhood we should ever bear in mind that unto Him who rules the Heavens and the earth all the praise and thanksgiving is due; and humbly asking his continued blessings, conscious of the purity of our cause, *let us persevere, with a firm reliance upon the Divine promise that "every man shall be rewarded according to his works."*

To you is committed the important duty of legislating for this institution, which, if we may be permitted to judge of the future by the past, is destined to exercise a moral power over mankind, such as the world has never seen wielded by any similar institution.

Composed as the Grand Lodge is of the Representatives of the entire body of our Order, who bring to its councils the wisdom and knowledge gained by experience, and holding as it does the supreme legislative and judicial power, its deliberations have ever been looked

to with deep interest by the Order at large, and its decisions and mandates received with respect and promptly obeyed.

During the recess the Grand Sire has been called upon so frequently for opinions as to construction of law and as to the usages of the Order, that he has become deeply impressed with the necessity for a code of General Laws reaching the details of the government of our institution, and providing for all matters not specially surrendered to the State governments. It would be a work of supererogation to enlarge upon the importance of this measure, so necessary to preserve uniformity, or to point out the evils that will inevitably follow vacillation in decisions upon points of law or usage. And it is scarcely possible that successive officers will hold the same opinions, or that they can give the same decisions, without the aid of written law. In an institution like ours, the laws should be plain and permanent, and nothing if possible should be left for construction or inference. With these remarks the subject is submitted to the Grand Lodge, in the hope that the Representatives in their wisdom will adopt some plan by which Odd-Fellowship in its organization, as well as in its work, may become one and the same throughout the jurisdiction.

At the last session a resolution was passed authorising the removal of the seat of the Grand Encampment of Virginia from Portsmouth to Norfolk, upon certain conditions therein prescribed, and when advised of its removal the Grand Sire was directed to order its permanent location at the latter point. Having received no advice of such removal, no action has been had by him in the matter. In reply to an enquiry from the Grand Patriarch of that State, he gave it as his opinion, that by the terms of the resolution, the change could not be made without the sanction of the Grand Encampment.

From Alabama two questions have been presented, on one of which a decision was given, and the other was reserved for the action of the Grand Lodge. In April, 1845, our distinguished brother, I. D. Williamson, was elected Grand Master and Grand Representative of that State. The then Constitution of that Grand Lodge prescribed that the installation of Grand Master should take place at the July session, and that in case of failure on the part of the officer to appear at that time, a new election should be had, and the officer then elected be installed at the same session. When the constitutional period arrived, Bro. Williamson did not present himself, having left the State with the view of attending the session of this body. The seat of Grand Master was accordingly declared vacated, and another member was elected and installed. On his return to Alabama, Bro. W. deemed it his privilege and duty to claim that his election was still valid, by virtue of a resolution passed by your body at the last session, in the following words: "Resolved, That the absence of a member of any State Grand Lodge, on duty as a Representative in this body, is a sufficient reason for releasing him from any disqualification that he may have incurred by reason of absence from his seat in any other office that he may hold in his Grand Lodge." The

Grand Lodge of Alabama refused to acknowledge his right, and an appeal was made to the Grand Sire. He affirmed the decision of that Grand Lodge, upon the grounds that the resolution could not apply to transactions prior to its passage, that the Lodge had proceeded constitutionally, and that reference was made in the resolution only to those who held office, and not to any one who, although elected, had never been installed.

The other question from Alabama, and which your body is now called upon to decide, is one carrying with it such important consequences, that it merits the most calm and careful consideration. On its decision rests the whole question of vested rights in our Order. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of that State, held in July, 1845, a Grand Master was installed for one year. In April, 1846, the Constitution was amended, so as to make the annual session commence on the third Monday in that month, during which session the Grand Officers should be elected and installed. The election and installation took place at that session, by which the officers who had in July, 1845, been installed for one year, were removed from office three months prior to the expiration of their term. Several of the Subordinate Lodges have protested against this act, upon the ground:

1st. That no officer can be removed from office but for cause duly specified and shown, and

2d. That constitutional amendments cannot be retrospective or affect rights already vested.

The opinion of the Grand Sire has been that these positions are correct, but he declined giving an opinion, because of the injurious results that might follow an erroneous one.

During the month of March last, I was advised by D. D. G. Sire Coleman, of Louisiana, that he had deemed it to be his duty to suspend Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of that State. It appeared that on the receipt of the revised work, he visited that Encampment for the purpose of introducing the work and giving instructions, and that upon his declining to exhibit any written or printed notice of his appointment as D. D. G. Sire, the Encampment refused to receive him in that capacity. This he held to be insubordination, and accordingly declared it to be in a state of suspension.

Believing that a subordinate body is not bound to yield obedience to an officer of whose election or appointment they have no official evidence, and that under the existing laws of the Grand Lodge no power of the kind exercised in this instance, is vested in the District Deputies, instructions were forwarded without delay to D. D. G. S. Coleman to reinstate the Encampment, and instruct the members thereof in the revised work. I am happy to say that these instructions were carried out, and that the Encampment is now in successful operation.

Under a mistaken view of the power vested in him, D. D. G. Sire Brown, of Indiana, without any authority from the Grand Officers, has within a few months, instituted three Encampments in that

State. The knowledge of this fact reached me but a short time since, and in view of the near approach of the session of your body, I directed that officer to suspend the operations of those Encampments and forward the papers upon which he had acted, in order that the subject might be laid before you. His report, with the petitions and cards, are in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Had these applications came before me, I would have had no hesitation in granting Dispensations for two of them, (Lafayette and Indianapolis;) the third (at Laurel) would have been refused, for the reason that that point in my opinion has not sufficient population—nor has it subordinate members enough to warrant the institution of an Encampment there.

A note upon the annual report of Bethlehem Encampment, No. 3, of Indiana, conveys to me the first information I have had of the removal of the seat of that body from Lawrenceburg to Aurora, for which it appears a Dispensation was obtained from D. D. G. S. Brown. This removal is illegal until it shall have received the sanction of your body. The reasons for it are not indicated in the reports of that officer, nor have I any knowledge of the cause of it.

In April an application was made through D. D. G. Sire Williams, of Georgia and Florida, to revive the dormant charter of Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, of Florida, and place it in other hands and at another location. As the Constitution of the Grand Lodge specifies but one mode of instituting Lodges, which is upon petition of five members, and as that application did not accord with the requirement, the Dispensation was not granted.

Under the same view of the Constitution and of the power vested in the Grand Officers during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I was constrained to refuse my assent to an application from P. G. Pena, for authority to institute a Lodge in Maracaibo, South America, another from P. G. M. Atlee, of Washington, for power to institute Lodges in Oregon, and another from some brethren in St. Louis, who desired to institute a Lodge in that place, with power to remove it to some point in Oregon.

An application was received from P. G. Watson, then of Massachusetts, for a Dispensation to institute a Lodge in Oregon city on his arrival there. He represented that a large party were about emigrating from Massachusetts to Oregon, and of that party that there were five members then in good standing in Lodges under this jurisdiction. Strong testimonials of his worth and standing, from many of the prominent members in that State, accompanied his application. He was requested to forward a petition in accordance with the law to the Grand Secretary, and that officer was advised of the matter, and requested to issue a charter, with authority to P. G. Watson to institute the Lodge, so soon as the law was complied with. From some cause this course was not pursued by P. G. Watson, but on the contrary he made such representations to D. D. G. Sire Guild, of Massachusetts, as to induce that officer to grant the desired Dispensation to himself and such others as he might see proper

to include. The work was furnished him, and he was commissioned by D. D. G. S. Guild, as D. D. G. Sire for the territory of Oregon for one year. The first direct information received by me of this transaction, was contained in a letter from the District Deputy of Massachusetts, bearing date the 4th of April, at which time it was too late to recall the Dispensation, P. G. Watson and his company having sailed for Oregon some four or five weeks previously. In reply he was informed that he had exceeded the authority vested in any of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and that his course could not be sanctioned by the executive. In laying this subject before the Grand Lodge, I deem it proper to state that in my opinion the Grand Officers authorised to issue Charters, are by the Constitution confined to the plan therein laid down, and that any departure therefrom would be an assumption of power justly censurable in them.

The importance of an early occupation of that great territory to which the public attention is at present so strongly directed, would have induced me to issue to P. G. Watson, the authority prayed for by him, had I considered myself authorised to do so. Satisfied of his ability to place the Order on a respectable footing, and of his zeal and moral worth, it would have been a source of great pleasure to me to have confided to him that important trust. It is submitted to the Grand Lodge, whether, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, it would not be the best course to authorise the Grand Officers to forward to P. G. Watson the papers necessary to legalise the act of the D. D. G. Sire.

The institution of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, at Stockport, England, has not, I regret to say, been followed by the happy results anticipated. Various causes delayed its organization until the 28th October, 1845, on which day it was instituted in due form by special Deputy James W. Hale, assisted by Bros. Colburn and Tuckerman, of which a full report is in the archives of the Grand Lodge. Previous to its institution, P. G. Hale exacted from each of the petitioners a pledge "that he was not then in membership with any society under the name of Odd-Fellows, and that so long as he remained under the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S. he would not become a member of any other society known as Odd-Fellows." He entertained the opinion, to the correctness of which I cannot assent, that by the act of separation members of the Manchester Unity were debarred from admission into Lodges under this jurisdiction. Two of the applicants who had been prominent in the movement refused to give such a pledge, and were, under the directions of P. G. Hale, denied admission as members. Instructions were forwarded to the then N. G. of Pioneer Lodge to the effect, that in proclaiming the final separation of American Odd-Fellowship from the Manchester Unity, the Grand Lodge had declared the two to be entirely distinct, and by the adoption of the revised work had destroyed all similarity between them. That in all things the Manchester Unity was held to be as any other society, and that it would not be proper to exact any other pledges than those received from applicants who were not attached to it. To this letter no answer was ever received.

Information has since come to hand that that Lodge has suspended its operations, and that consequently there is now no Lodge in England working under a charter from your body—the Lodge chartered at Liverpool, under the name of Oriental, No. 2, having never been instituted.

From the Lodges in Wales no returns have been received, nor has any correspondence been had by me with them.

The apparent impossibility, or at least great difficulty, of securing such a connection between the Order there and this Grand Lodge, as should exist between two portions of the same institution, and the neglect on the part of the Lodges in Wales to make any reports, calls for some change in the policy of this Grand Lodge in regard to the spread of Odd-Fellowship in the Old World. Whether it is not the true policy of the Order in the United States to confine its efforts to this continent, is a subject of grave enquiry. My opinion has been, and recent occurrences have given me no cause to change it, that any direct connection between the Order in this country and that in Great Britain, will but weaken us, without strengthening them, and that it would be wise either to acknowledge the entire independence of the Order in Wales, or to withdraw all the charters granted to Lodges in that country.

For some years past Odd-Fellowship in Arkansas has been in the most unsatisfactory condition. With but one Lodge in the State, and that one delinquent, and almost dormant, the Order had made no progress there, whilst in other sections of the jurisdiction it was growing with singular rapidity. Actuated by an earnest desire for the revival of Odd-Fellowship in that locality, and feeling confident that with proper efforts that object might be attained, I tendered the appointment of D. D. G. Sire to Grand Representative Wm. F. Davis, of Tennessee, who accepted it, and I am happy to say, discharged the duties of the office to my entire satisfaction. On his arrival at Little Rock, he found that Far West Lodge No. 1, had held no regular meeting for nearly twelve months, and with a roll of one hundred and thirty members, but nineteen were found qualified and willing to aid in the resuscitation of the Lodge. With this number, it was again opened, and the revised work delivered to it, with such instructions as were considered necessary. He is sanguine in the belief that the Lodge is now upon a permanent basis, and that prosperity will attend it. About the same time he instituted in Helena, Telula Lodge, No. 2, under very favorable auspices.

At the last session of your body authority was given the Grand Sire to send a commission to Texas to enquire into the cause of the difficulties in that State, and to suggest a remedy.

Having become satisfied from information derived from various sources, that the Grand Lodge of Texas had taken the course best calculated to subserve the interests of the Order, and that since the removal of that body from Houston to Galveston a better feeling had manifested itself, giving good promise of enlightened and prudent government, I deemed it best to issue no commission. The reports of

the Grand Lodge and the D. D. G. Sire are more favorable than were anticipated. The unsettled state of the country has been a serious bar to the spread of our institution there, but even with this disadvantage it has grown steadily.

There has been so wide a difference of opinion between some of the D. D. G. Sires and myself as to the construction of the law of last session by which the duties of those officers are defined, that I deem it proper to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject. It is only necessary to refer to the preceding portion of this report for evidence of this difference. My impression was that no general powers were given them but that they were understood to be the agents of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. If my views accord with those of the Grand Lodge on this point, I would respectfully suggest that such alterations be made in the law as will prevent future misconstruction. As special agents these officers can render valuable service to the Grand Officers, in carrying out the mandates of your body in reporting violations of laws and of usage, and in attending to the collection of the revenues of the Grand Lodge accruing from their respective jurisdictions.

The report of the Grand Secretary will exhibit a statement of the finances of the Grand Lodge. It will be seen that the receipts of the present have far exceeded those of any previous year, and that a very large portion of the amount has accrued from the issue of the revised work. This cannot be looked to hereafter as a source of revenue to any considerable extent, whilst the increase of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments will materially reduce the revenue derived from the per centage upon the receipts of Subordinates. It cannot be long before every State and Territory under this jurisdiction, will be governed by its own Grand Bodies, and this Grand Lodge must then rely upon the sale of Cards and Books, and the Representative Tax, for revenue to defray its expenses.

It is probable that there will be at the close of the session a surplus fund of five or six thousand dollars, no part of which will be needed to meet the current expenditures of the coming year. I would respectfully suggest to you the propriety of investing this surplus in some permanent stock, or in such other mode as you may deem best, in order that a fund may be provided in time to meet the great falling off in revenue that may reasonably be anticipated in the next few years. If an increase of the Representative Tax can be avoided, it would seem to be the part of wisdom to lay no further burdens upon the Order. My predecessors have at different times called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact, that the ordinary sources of revenue would in a short time be insufficient to meet the most economical administration of its affairs, and have urged that some provision should be made by which it could be kept clear of debt. For the present, I do not deem it necessary to recommend any change in the revenue laws, believing that if the surplus at present on hand, and such as may hereafter accrue, be invested, the interest will assist materially, if not make up entirely the deficiency from other sources.

Since your last session Grand Encampments have been instituted in Canada, District of Columbia and New Hampshire.

From Iowa a petition in due form for a Grand Lodge will be laid before you.—It was received so short a time since, that the Grand Officers deemed it decorous to hold it for your decision.

An application was received from four Lodges in Wisconsin for a Grand Lodge charter, and a remonstrance against the same from three other Lodges. There was so slight an approach to unanimity in this instance that no action was had in the matter.

The details of the increase and the operations of our institution during the year, are embodied in the report of the Grand Secretary. It will be seen that there has been no check to the prosperity of the Order, and that even in States long occupied by it, the increase is steady and rapid.

THO. SHERLOCK,

Balto., Sept. 21, 1846.

Grand Sire.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That 500 extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report be printed for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pa., it was ordered that the Journal be printed from day to day.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., it was ordered that 500 copies of the daily Journal be printed for the use of the members.

The Secretary presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of Michigan, for a Grand Encampment Warrant, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., the following committee was appointed to report on the unfinished business of last session: Reps. Robinson, of Va., MacRae, of N. C., and Drew, of Mass.

On motion of Rep. Bayley, of Md., the chair was authorised to appoint a Committee on Appeals. The chair named Reps. Bayley, of Md., Smith, of Maine, and Cooke, of Va.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., moved to reconsider the order directing 500 copies of the daily Journal to be printed, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge disapprove the publication of its proceedings during the session.

Rep. Marley, of Md., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Md., leave was granted him to withdraw the papers connected with the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Md., from the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., presented the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mo., and of the Grand Encampment of Mo., which were severally referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The Grand Secretary presented various appeals, praying redress in the matters therein referred to, which being read by their title, Rep. Egan, of N. Y., objected to the reception of the appeal of the minority of the Grand Lodge of New York, upon the ground that not being made in pursuance of the 1st Article of the Constitution, requiring the assent of the Grand Lodge of New York, it was not admissible, and moved that the memorialists have leave to withdraw the same, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., the several appeals were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire, for the purpose of reporting a form and regulation for Regalia and Jewels for officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1845, authorising the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia to the city of Richmond, be so modified as to allow its removal to such place as may be determined upon by a majority of the Subordinate Encampments, in a convention to be *helden* in the town of Portsmouth, on the 2d day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in April next; to be composed of legally qualified members of the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which were referred the applications for Grand Encampments for the District of Columbia,*and for Canada,†for which it appears that dispensations have been duly issued during the recess of this body, in accordance with the authority vested in the Grand Officers, recommend that their action in the premises be confirmed, and that Charters be issued to both of the said bodies; provided that the Subordinate Encampments within the jurisdictions above named shall be required to pay the regular dues to this Grand Lodge up to this date, and provided also that the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia be removed within the geographical limits of the District of Columbia as defined by an act of Congress which was passed since the issuing of the dispensation by the Grand Officers.

WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

* *Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia*.—Instituted by D. D. G. S. Moore at Alexandria, April 25th, 1846, when the following officers were installed:—William Towers, G. Patriarch; L. A. Gobright, G. H. Priest; J. T. Clements, G. S. Warden; J. W. Hodgson, G. J. Warden; Charles Calvert, G. Scribe; W. G. Deale, G. Treasurer; James H. De Vaughn, G. Sentinel.—Location changed to Washington, Sept. 23d, 1846.

† *Grand Encampment of Canada*.—Instituted at Montreal, September 3d, 1846, when the following officers were installed:—P. C. P. George Mathews, G. P.; P. H. P. J. Healy, G. H. P.; P. C. P. G. H. Hamilton, G. S. W.; P. C. P. William Hilton, G. Scribe; P. C. P. H. H. Whitney, G. Treasurer; P. C. P. J. Gilbert, G. J. Warden.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to enquire and report into the expediency of altering the time now prescribed for the official term of elective officers of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., presented the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to urge before that body the necessity of enlarging the present terms of office in the Subordinate Lodges, and if possible to have such alterations made in the laws of the Order as will extend that term from three to six months.

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to move in said Lodge for the appointment of a Committee to digest all such laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States as are intended to control and regulate State Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges, and have the same transmitted to the State Grand Lodges and Subordinates for their instruction.

The above resolutions were offered and adopted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, on the third day of its session, 7th August, 1846.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, this twelfth day of September, 1846.

JOHN N. LEWIS, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed by the Grand Sire for the purpose of forming a suitable funeral service to be used under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with instructions to report during the session.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into and report as to the propriety of so altering the Constitution as to extend the office of Grand Sire to the term of four years.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as correct the certificates of the following representatives:—Grand Encampment, District of Columbia, Edward S. Hough; Canada, Christopher Dun-kin.

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article XIV Constitution. Strike out the word "Master" in the fifth line.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as that all Representa-

tives to this body shall be elected to serve for a term not less than two years, and to so provide for the time and manner of their election as that at least one-half of such Representatives shall at each session of this body remain in membership.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were read, and on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS the cardinal principle of Odd-Fellowship, which recognises the "universal religion of nature" as the only religious bond known to the Order, is believed to have resulted most beneficially, in extending wide our doors to the pure, the charitable, and the worthy of all denominations, thus uniting sects the most diverse, in the great and noble objects for which our institution has been founded; and whereas, it is known that under the belief of a perfect exemption from all sectarian influences, individuals of various religious creeds have joined our Order, and at this time comprise our brotherhood, and that our great prosperity and success may be mainly attributed to this liberality in matters of faith; and whereas we also believe that whenever mingling together as *Odd-Fellows*, we should not only studiously avoid everything calculated to wound the feelings of any brother, but on the contrary strive to cultivate such sentiments as would promote the bonds of love and friendship; and whereas it is believed that in the existing condition of things in the Order, all petitions addressed to the Throne of Grace which recognise any peculiar form of Deity, or which offer up prayer in a mediatory form, may be and are offensive to brothers, who yet would worship fervently with us, *our common Father*. Be it, therefore,

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., That from and after this date no prayer or religious petition shall be used or made in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of Odd-Fellows, either at meeting or upon public occasions, that shall contain language offensive to individuals of any religious denomination enrolled amongst our members.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the various States enforce the above resolution in the Lodges and Encampments under their jurisdiction.

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded immediately under the proper attestation of the officers of this Grand Lodge to the various State Grand Lodges, State Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary presented the following resolutions from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, which were read and referred to a Special Committee:

Resolutions adopted at an adjourned meeting of the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada, held at Montreal, on the evening of Wednesday the 9th day of September, 1846.

1. *Resolved*, That with a view to the permanent and general interests of Odd-Fellowship, it is, in the opinion of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, inexpedient that any branch of the Order established in one country should be subject for any longer period than may be absolutely unavoidable to the legislative or other control of a tribunal in name or in fact belonging to a branch of the Order established in a foreign country.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the existence and mutual recognition, as required by the principle above set forth, of a number of Territorially Independent or Sovereign Jurisdictions of the Order, the authorities of which should be bound by mutual engagement to the maintenance as well of the most intimate Fraternal Relations between the several Branches of the Order under their respective government, as of the Principles and Work of the Order in general, would tend to give to the organization of the Order a character of permanence and universality which it cannot otherwise be expected to attain.

3. *Resolved*, That from the terms of the original charter granted in the year 1820 by the Duke of York's Lodge of Preston, to "No. 1, Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America," from the

refusal, in the year 1821, of the authorities of the Order in Manchester to interfere to charter "Franklin Lodge, No. 2," within the limits of the United States, and from the express assurance conveyed by the subsequent charter granted in the year 1826 by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee in Manchester, to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, as then constituted, that in its government of the Order throughout the United States it should be free from "the interference of any other country so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship;" it is clear that the said principle was fully understood and acted upon by the authorities of that Branch of the Order as constituted during that period within the United Kingdom.

4. *Resolved*, That, from the provisions of the first article of the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States whereby, after the declaration that that Right Worthy Body is "the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America" and "the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments are to be referred," it is further only set forth that the said Right Worthy Body "has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in Foreign Countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists," and not that it claims any right of Jurisdiction afterwards in such Foreign Countries, it is also clear, that the said principle is fully recognised by the Authorities of the Great Branch of the Order established in the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That in the recommendation offered at the Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of that Body, to the effect, that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in Foreign Countries, the same should be recognised as distinct sovereignties in the Order; and in the approval of this recommendation by the Special Committee of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge to whom the same was referred; this Grand Lodge recognises evidence of the readiness of the said Authorities to carry the said principle into practical effect.

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as, by the institution in Canada of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the organization of the Order within the Provinces of British North America is now so far advanced as to admit of its affairs being advantageously administered by a Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship exercising Independent Jurisdiction within and throughout the same; and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the erection and recognition of such Tribunal would, not only, without doubt, essentially conduce to the future prosperity of the Order within the present jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, but would besides, secure its introduction, under circumstances eminently favorable to its rapid developement throughout the Lower Provinces; and further, inasmuch as the Branch of the Order here established, if thus independent of Foreign Control, would have far greater facilities than it otherwise could have, or than any Branch of the Order established beyond the limits of the British Empire can have, for spreading the Principles and Work of the Order in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the Possessions dependent thereon, as also for acting upon the several Bodies of Odd-Fellows therein organised, with a view to the removing of the differences at present subsisting among them or between any of them and the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows as organised on this side of the Atlantic; the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and he is hereby instructed to lay before that Right Worthy Body the application of this Grand Lodge for a Charter to confirm the erection of such Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship for British North America, and to recognise the same as an Independent Jurisdiction of the Order.

7. *Resolved*, That in making this application for the reasons above set forth, this Grand Lodge takes occasion, as well in behalf of the Body into which, after the issue of such Charter it will be merged, as in its capacity as representing the several Lodges of the Order in Canada, to place on record its unreserved engagement to adhere to the Principles and Work of the Order, in concert with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States and such other Sovereign Tribunals of the Order as from time to time may be hereafter regularly constituted; to maintain at all times the most intimate Fraternal Relations with the several Branches

of the Order under their respective government; and until such time as the number of the regularly recognised Independent Jurisdictions of the Order shall admit of more comprehensive arrangements being made in that behalf, to receive the Annual Travelling Password from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to accredit to its Annual Communications a Special Grand Representative or Representatives, to receive with becoming distinction such Special Grand Representative or Representatives as the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States may in return accredit, and freely to interchange with it copies of all desired Documents and Records.

8. *Resolved*, That in order to the securing of perfect uniformity and correctness in the whole Work of the Order under the arrangement above set forth, the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be, and he is hereby, further instructed to request of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States that that Right Worthy Body or its Officers should cause the fullest possible instruction to be given to himself and to the Right Worthy Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Canada, in regard to the details of the said Work, and especially in regard to the Higher and Past Official Degrees.

9. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as it appears to this Grand Lodge to be inconvenient that a Sovereign Tribunal of the Order having Independent Jurisdiction, should be designated by a title which is also given to one of the two classes of Tribunals exercising a superior Jurisdiction only in the Order, and subject to its revision and authority, this Grand Lodge would suggest to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, whether it would not be desirable to assign to such Sovereign Tribunals some other designation, and would propose (unless the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States see any valid objection to such course) that the Body which shall hereafter exercise the powers in question within British North America, be recognised by the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States as the "Grand Chapter of British North America."

10. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is desirable that for the several purposes: firstly, of adopting a constitution for itself; secondly, of deciding the limits of the several Superior Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Jurisdictions into which British North America should be divided; thirdly, of chartering such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as it may be desirable in the first instance to erect in and for the same or any of them; and fourthly, of enacting such forms of Constitution or other general Regulations as it may be deemed requisite forthwith to enact for the guidance of such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the said Grand Chapter, at its first meeting, do consist of the several Officers, Elective and Appointed, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of such other Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, as may have been or may be duly returned by the several Lodges and Encampment within this Jurisdiction to be members of the said Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in the manner prescribed by their respective Constitutions and Rules or as may be duly returned in the like manner by any of the said Lodges or Encampments to be members of the said Grand Chapter.

11. *Resolved*, That forthwith upon the receipt, by the Most Worthy Grand Master, of this Jurisdiction, of a Charter from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in compliance with the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment thereof; and whether such Charter purport to recognise the Independent Jurisdiction of British North America as vested in a Grand Chapter or in a Body bearing any other title, it shall be the duty of that Officer to cause official notice of the fact to be given by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Canada, also to the several Lodges within this Jurisdiction; and the present Charter of this Grand Lodge shall thereupon be held to be, and shall be, to all intents and purposes surrendered and such new Charter adopted in lieu thereof; and that until such time as other provision shall be made in that behalf by the Grand Chapter, the present seal of this Grand Lodge shall be the temporary seal of the said Grand Chapter, and the Officers and Committees of this Grand Lodge shall be held to be, and shall be, the Officers and Committees of the said Grand Chapter, and shall act in their respective capacities as though no such change of Charter had taken place; the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, however, at once assuming the style of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, and that it shall further be the special

duty of the Committee for the Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges to prepare a draft of a Constitution for the said Grand Chapter, and of forms of Constitution or other general Regulations for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments; and to report the same for the consideration of the said Grand Chapter at its First Session.

12. *Resolved*, That the First Session of the said Grand Chapter, constituted as aforesaid, be held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Montreal, on such day as the Most Worthy Grand Sire may appoint, the same being not less than six, nor more than twelve weeks after the date of his receipt of the new Charter as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the said Most Worthy Grand Sire to cause a written or printed notice, stating the day so appointed, to be duly despatched by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, not less than six weeks before such day, to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Canada, also to the several Lodges within this Jurisdiction.

13. *Resolved*, That until such time as other provision shall have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter, the same shall be held to act under the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of the Second, Tenth, Eleventh, Fifteenth, and Seventeenth Articles thereof and subject to the necessary changes of the Preamble and First Article and to such modification of the Third and Sixth Articles as shall devolve the duties of Grand Secretary on one person only; and likewise under the several By-laws, Rules of Order and other Regulations of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same may admit of being applied for the guidance of the said Grand Chapter.

A true copy from the Minutes.

J. CUSHING, *Grand Secretary*.

Resolutions adopted by the R. W. G. Encampment of the Province of Canada, respectfully submitted to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States.

1. *Resolved*, That with a view to the permanent and general interests of Odd-Fellowship it is in the opinion of this Right Worthy Grand Encampment inexpedient that any Branch of the Order established in one Country should be subject for any longer period than may be absolutely unavoidable, to the legislative or the control of a Tribunal in name or in fact belonging to a Branch of the Order established in a Foreign Country.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment the existence and mutual recognition, as required by the principle above set forth, of a number of Territorially Independent or Sovereign Jurisdictions of the Order, the authorities of which should be bound by mutual engagement to the maintenance as well of the most intimate Fraternal Relations between the several Branches of the Order under their respective government, as of the principles and Work of the Order, in general, would tend to give to the organization of the Order a character of permanence and universality which it cannot otherwise be expected to attain.

3. *Resolved*, That from the terms of the Original Charter granted in the year 1830 by the Duke of York's Lodge of Preston to "No. 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America," from the refusal, in the year 1821, of the authorities of the Order in Manchester to interfere to charter "Franklin Lodge, No. 2" within the limits of the United States; and from the express assurance conveyed by the subsequent Charter granted in the year 1828 by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee in Manchester to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, as then constituted, that in its government of the Order throughout the United States it should be free from "the interference of any other Country, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd-Fellowship;" it is clear that the said principle was fully understood and acted upon by the Authorities of that Branch of the Order, as constituted during that period within the United Kingdom.

4. *Resolved*, That from the provisions of the First Article of the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, whereby after the declaration that that Right Worthy Body is the "source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America," and "the ultimate Tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred," it is

further only set forth that the said Right Worthy Body "has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in Foreign Countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists," and not that it claims any right of Jurisdiction afterwards in such Foreign Countries, it is also clear that the said principle is fully recognized by the Authorities of the Great Branch of the Order established in the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That in the recommendation offered at the Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the year 1844, by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of that Body, to the effect that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in Foreign Countries, the same should be recognized as distinct Sovereignities in the Order; and in the approval of this recommendation by the Special Committee of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge to whom the same was referred, this Grand Encampment recognizes evidence of the readiness of the said Authorities to carry the said principle into practical effect.

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as, by the institution in Canada of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the organization of the Order within the Provinces of British North America, is now so far advanced as to admit of its affairs being advantageously administered by a Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship, exercising Independent Jurisdiction within and throughout the same; and inasmuch as, in the opinion of this Grand Encampment, the erection and recognition of such Tribunal would not only without doubt essentially conduce to the future prosperity of the Order within the present Jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, but would besides secure its introduction, under circumstances eminently favorable to its rapid development, throughout the Lower Provinces; and inasmuch as the Branch of the Order here established, if thus Independent of Foreign Control, would have far greater facilities than it otherwise could have, or than any Branch of the Order established beyond the limits of the British Empire can have, for spreading the Principles and Work of the Order in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the Possessions dependent thereon, as also for acting upon the several Bodies of Odd-Fellows therein organized, with a view to the removing of the differences at present subsisting among them or between any of them and the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows as organized on this side of the Atlantic, the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Encampment to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States be, and he is hereby, instructed to signify to that Right Worthy Body that this Grand Encampment concurs with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada in its application for a Charter to confirm the erection of such Sovereign Tribunal of Odd-Fellowship for British North America, and to recognize the same as an Independent Jurisdiction of the Order.

7. *Resolved*, That in concurring in this application for the reasons above set forth, this Grand Encampment takes occasion, as well in behalf of the Body into which after the issue of such Charter it will be merged, as in its capacity as representing the several Encampments of the Order in Canada, to place on record its unreserved engagement to adhere to the Principles and Work of the Order, in concert with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and such other Sovereign Tribunals of the Order as from time to time may be hereafter regularly constituted; to maintain at all times the most intimate Fraternal Relations with the several Branches of the Order under their respective government; and until such time as the number of the regularly recognized Independent Jurisdictions of the Order shall admit of more comprehensive arrangements being made in this behalf, to receive the A. T. P. W. from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to accredit to its Annual Communications a Special Grand Representative or Representatives, to receive with becoming distinction such Special Grand Representative or Representatives as the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States may in return accredit, and freely to interchange with it copies of desired Documents and Records.

8. *Resolved*, That in order to the securing of perfect uniformity and correctness in the whole Work of the Order under the arrangement above set forth, the Right Worthy Grand Representative of this Grand Encampment be, and he is hereby further instructed to request of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, that that Right Worthy Body or its officers should cause the fullest possible instruction to be given to himself and to the Right Worthy Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in regard to the details of the said work, and especially in regard to the higher and past official degrees.

9. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as it appears to this Grand Encampment to be inconvenient that a sovereign tribunal of the Order having independent jurisdiction should be designated by a title which is also given to one of the two classes of tribunals exercising a superior jurisdiction only in the Order, and subject to its revision and authority, this Grand Encampment would suggest to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, whether it might not be desirable to assign to such sovereign tribunal some other designation, and would propose (unless the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States see any valid objection to such course) that the body which shall hereafter exercise the powers in question within British North America be recognised as the "Grand Chapter of British North America."

10. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Encampment it is desirable that for the several purposes: firstly, of adopting a Constitution for itself; secondly, of deciding the limits of the several superior or Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment jurisdictions into which British North America should be divided; thirdly, of chartering such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments as it may be desirable in the first instance to erect in and for the same or any of them; and fourthly, of enacting such forms of Constitution or other General Regulations as it may be deemed requisite forthwith to enact for the guidance of such Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, the said Grand Chapter at its meeting do consist of the several officers, elective and appointed, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, and of such other Past Grands having the Royal Purple Degree as may have been or may be duly returned by the several Lodges and Encampments within this jurisdiction, to be members of the said Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in the manner prescribed by their respective Constitutions and Rules, or as may be duly returned in the like manner by any of the said Lodges or Encampments to be members of the said Grand Chapter.

11. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment hereby agrees that forthwith upon the receipt by the Most Worthy Grand Master of this jurisdiction, of a Charter from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in compliance with the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment thereof, and whether such Charter purport to recognize the Independent Jurisdiction of British North America as vested in a Grand Chapter or in a body bearing any other title, the said Charter be held to be in lieu of the present Charter of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada, that body surrendering such present Charter to adopt the said new Charter in lieu thereof; and that it shall be the duty of the said Most Worthy Grand Master thereupon to cause official notice of the fact to be given by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of this Grand Encampment, and also to the several Lodges within this jurisdiction; and that until such time as other provision shall be made in that behalf by the Grand Chapter, the present seal of the said Grand Lodge shall be the temporary seal of the said Grand Chapter, and the officers and committees of the said Grand Lodge, shall be the officers and committees of the said Grand Chapter, and shall act in their respective capacities as though no such change of Charter had taken place, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, however, at once assuming the style of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire; and that it shall further be the special duty of the committee for the supervision of laws of Subordinate Lodges, to prepare a draft of a Constitution for the said Grand Chapter and of forms of Constitution or other General Regulations for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and to report the same for the consideration of the said Grand Chapter at its first session; and forthwith upon the receipt by the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, of the aforesaid notice relative to the said new Charter, it shall be his duty to cause the same to be communicated by the Right Worthy Grand Scribe to the several Encampments within this jurisdiction.

12. *Resolved*, That the first session of the said Grand Chapter be held at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of Montreal, on such day as the Most Worthy Grand Sire may appoint, the same not being less than six nor more than twelve weeks after the date of his receipt of the new Charter as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the said Most Worthy Grand Sire to cause a written or printed notice, stating the day so appointed, to be duly despatched by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, not less than six weeks before such day, to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch of this Grand Encampment, and also to the several Lodges within this

jurisdiction; and on the receipt of such notice by the said Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, it shall be his duty to cause the same to be communicated by the Right Worthy Grand Scribe to the several Encampments within this jurisdiction.

13. *Resolved*, That forthwith upon the assembling of the said Grand Chapter pursuant to such notice, the Dispensation or Charter of this Grand Encampment shall thereupon be held to be, and shall be, to all intents and purposes, surrendered to the said Grand Chapter; and it shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch as soon as possible to lay the same before the said Grand Chapter; and to move therein for the issue of such Grand Encampment Charter or Charters as the said Grand Chapter may see fit to grant; but the several officers and committees of this Grand Encampment shall nevertheless continue to have charge of the other documents of this Grand Encampment, and of all books, effects and references in their hands until such time as other provision may have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter.

14. *Resolved*, That until such time as other provision shall have been made in that behalf by the said Grand Chapter, the same shall be held to act under the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of the Second, Tenth, Eleventh, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Articles thereof, and subject to the necessary changes of the Preamble and First Article, and to such modification of the Third and Sixth Articles as shall devolve the duties of Grand Secretary on one person only; and likewise under the several By-Laws, Rules of Order, and other regulations of the said Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same may admit of being applied for the guidance of the said Grand Chapter.

A true copy from the Minutes:

W. HILTON, *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of changing the name and title of this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of the United States to Grand Lodge of America, and make such alterations in the Constitution and Laws as may conform to said alterations.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to amend by changing the name to Grand Encampment of the United States, which was resolved in the negative—whereupon the resolution of Rep. Parker was agreed to.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to report a funeral ceremony for the use of Lodges under this jurisdiction, be requested to report a form of funeral and other processions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was referred to a Special Committee:

Resolved, That any Lodge asking pecuniary aid, in consequence of loss by fire, or for any other cause, shall in the first instance make application to the Grand Lodge of the state, in which such Lodge may be located, and if not in the power of the Grand Lodge to render the aid required, such Grand Lodge may, if deemed expedient, ask the assistance of Grand Lodges in adjacent states, or of all Grand Lodges in the Union through the Grand Masters of the same, who shall have power to issue circulars to their subordinates stating circumstances, &c., to make such appeals available.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., offered the following resolution which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That an assistant Messenger be appointed to serve for the residue of the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MacRae, of N. C., offered the following resolution, which was

read, and on motion, referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report to-morrow morning:

Resolved, That when an Odd-Fellow applies for and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, that the amount of benefit granted shall be endorsed upon his Card.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 21, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present the M. W. G. Sire and all the Grand Officers.

The chair announced as the Special Committee on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, Reps. Kneass, of Pa., Robinson, of Va., Griffin, of Ga., Thomas, of Ohio, and Thompson, of Mass.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as correct the certificate of P. G. M. Edward McIntyre, as representative from the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

H. R. KNEASS,
F. W. GILLEY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., presented the following communication, which was read and ordered to be spread on the Journal:

MOBILE, August 31st, 1846.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

At a regular meeting of Union Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., held at the Lodge room this evening, P. G. M. Affron offered the following resolution, which was adopted by this Lodge:

DANIEL GEART, Sec'y. J. M. BARNEY, N. G.
T. S. FELLOWS, V. G.

Resolved, That this Lodge will cheerfully contribute such a sum as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out a general plan of Education for the children of deceased Odd-Fellows and other purposes, under such directions and laws as the Grand Lodge of the United States may direct, and that this resolution be signed by the officers of the Lodge and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., also presented a remonstrance from a number of P. G.'s of Alabama, against the removal of the Grand Lodge of that State.

Rep. Drew, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session, beg leave respectfully to report:

Proposed amendment to Art. X of the Constitution, on page 751.

Proposed amendment to Art. XIV of the Constitution, on page 781.

Proposed amendment to Art. XIII of the Constitution, on page 810.

Proposed amendment to Art. XII of the Constitution, on page 816.

E. C. ROBINSON,
ALEX. MacRAE,
J. L. DREW.

Rep. White, of R. I., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Sire's Annual Report, for allotment of the various subjects therein referred to, respectfully offer the following report:

They recommend so much of the report as relates to a "code of General Laws" be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the action of the G. L. of Alabama, to Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the powers of D. D. G. Sires, to a Special Committee.

So much as relates to the Order in Great Britain, to Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the Order in Arkansas and Texas, to Committee on Lodges and Encampments not represented.

So much as relates to the Finances, Revenue and Surplus Funds, to Committee on Finance.

So much as relates to petitions for Lodges and Encampments, to Committee on Petitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. B. WHITE,
P. M. JUDSON,
ALBERT G. DAY.

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., moved to amend the report as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire be amended by referring such part of that Report as relates to a codification of Rules and Regulations of the Order to a Special Committee, whose duty it shall be to meet in Baltimore a week preceding the next regular Annual Communication, and prepare such codification for the action of this body at its next session.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Ropes, of Md., offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That the Resolution on page 813 Journal of Proceedings of this

Grand Lodge, granting Cards to a brother's wife or widow, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the plates for printing Visiting Cards, and Cards of Clearance, be forthwith altered by engraving the words "Visiting Card," on the one, and "Clearance Card" on the other, in such a manner as to make them conspicuous at a glance.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative, who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on deferred business.

The first subject reported by the committee being proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 751 Journal 1845, to strike out in Article X of the Constitution (form of certificate) the words "for the period of one year from the date hereof," and to insert "from Monday in September next to the third Monday in September thereafter," was considered.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following amendment, which the chair ruled out of order:

Strike out the clause proposed, and insert "for the period of two years from this date."

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being put: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" the yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Marley, Parmenter, Drew, Egan, Baldwin, Patterson, Morris, Moore, Beardsley, McIntyre, Day, Glenn, Fosdick, Weld, Page, Cooke, Reid, Taylor, Veitch, Seymour, Salomon, Griffin, Garvin, MacRae, Neally (2 votes,) Wells, Wood, White, Parker, Kellogg, Whitnev, Gilley, Stewart, Thomas, Kneass, Robinson, Stokes, Searfoss, Thompson, Dunkin, Hough, Smith, P. G. S. Wildey—44.

NAYS.—Reps. Ropes, Watson (2 votes,) Miller, Judson, Desaussure, McNairy, Bayley, Greenwood, Ellison, Hoit, Marshall—12.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, it was rejected; the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Marley, Ropes, Parmenter, Baldwin, Patterson, Morris, Moore, Beardsley, McIntyre, Fosdick, Taylor, Veitch, McNairy, Seymour, Desaussure, Salomon, Griffin, Garvin, MacRae, Neally (2 votes,) Wood, White, Kellogg, Bayley, Gilley, Stewart, Kneass, Stokes, Searfoss, Thompson, Dunkin, Hough, Smith, P. G. S. Wildey—35.

NAYS.—Reps. Drew, Egan, Day, Glenn, Weld, Page, Watson (2 votes) Cooke, Reid, Judson, Miller, Parker, Wells, Thomas, Robinson, Greenwood, Ellison, Hoit, Marshall.—20.

On motion of Rep. Thompson, of Mass., that the report of the committee on deferred business be temporarily ordered to lie on the table, it was determined in the negative.

The next subject being the proposed amendment to the Constitution on page 781 Journal 1845, as follows: To insert in the XIV Article of the Constitution, the words, "who shall have received the R. P. D., or a P. Grand Patriarch, provided he be a Past Grand," was considered.

Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative; the main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative; the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Egan, Baldwin, Cooke, Reid, Veitch, Seymour, MacRae, Parker, Wells, Stewart, Ellison, Thompson, Hoit, Dunkin, Hough—15.

NAYS.—Reps. Marley, Ropes, Parmenter, Drew, Patterson, Morris, Moore, Beardsley, McIntyre, Day, Glenn, Weld, Page, Watson (2 votes,) Taylor, Judson, Miller, McNairy, Desaussure, Salomon, Griffin, Garvin, Neally (2 votes,) Wood, White, Kellogg, Bayley, Thomas, Kneass, Stokes, Greenwood, Searfoss, Marshall, P. G. S. Wildey—36.

The next subject being proposed amendment on page 810 Journal 1845, was then considered and declared by the chair to be out of order, no such language being in the article proposed to be amended.

The next subject being the amendment proposed on page 816 Journal 1845, as follows:

Strike out from Article XII, page 19, 9th line, the figure "2," and insert "4" in lieu thereof, was considered, and it was unanimously rejected.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to make out an alphabetical list of the Representatives, and have the same printed, to be used in calling the yeas and nays.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That Article XIII of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words "Grand Lodges or Encampments or."

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to prepare and have printed with each Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, a correct Index, and also an Index for the Journals from 1843 to the present session, and that a suitable compensation be awarded him for the work.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, of Ia., it was resolved that the elec-

tion for Grand Officers for the ensuing term be made the special order of the day for Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

Rep. Ropes, of Md., offered the following resolution which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be instructed to make a report to this Grand Lodge, defining the position and privileges of a member of the Order, under penalty pending an appeal in his case to this body.

Rep. Smith, of Me., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the granting of a Withdrawal Card by a Subordinate Lodge severs the connection of a brother applying therefor from the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits whether the Card is actually taken by the brother or not—but the brother receiving such Card retains the right to visit for the length of time specified therein.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. M. W. G. Sire Sherlock in the chair. Present all the Grand Officers and a Representation.

Prayer by the Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The G. Secretary presented the memorial of P. G. Wm. Linberger, of Md., praying the decision of the Grand Lodge upon the points of law therein suggested, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Also, the memorial of the Grand Lodge of New York in relation to the Order in said state, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave respectfully to report as correct the certificate of Thomas Alsop, as a representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. As also the certificate of F. O. Wadsworth, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

H. R. KNEASS.

F. W. GILLEY,

E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That D. D. G. Sire Wilson, of Wisconsin, and P. D. G. Sire Allen, of District of Columbia, be invited to take seats within the bar of the house.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolutions, which were read and referred as therein suggested:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to enquire into, and report to this body, whether some provision should not be adopted to protect the widows and children of deceased Odd-Fellows, who have received withdrawal cards with the view of becoming members of other Lodges, and who, previous to such membership, (within a reasonable time) shall have departed this life.

Resolved, That it be referred to the same committee to enquire into the propriety of Subordinate Lodges working in the fifth degree.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., submitted the following resolutions, which were read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges, subject to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required immediately after an election of Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge, to forward to the Grand Secretary by mail a duplicate certificate of election of each Grand Representative.

Resolved, That hereafter no Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, without a certificate in due form being first in possession of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge in reversing the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Sire in the matter of admitting Representative MacRae to a seat in this Grand Lodge, shall not be so construed as to imply a doubt in the correctness of his decision according to the letter of the constitution.

The G. Secretary presented the memorial of Geo. N. Hufty, of Pa., praying redress in the matter therein referred to, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, and the chair named as the committee: Reps. Marshall, of Ky., Moore, of D. of C., and Griffin, of Ga.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the propriety of establishing an institution of learning by the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and that they report to this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., submitted the following communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, with the accompanying resolution:

R. W. GRAND LODGE S. C., I. O. O. F. }
September 2, 1846. }

The Grand Master read the following document:

"Inasmuch as there is a difference of opinion on the subject, the Grand Master requests the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to direct their Grand Representatives, to ascertain from the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their next session, whether it is the *duty* of the Grand Master to install the officers of Subordinate Lodges when practicable so to do."

This was referred to the Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That this communication be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with the written statement of the Grand Master of South Carolina, with instructions to have the same printed, if they deem the same necessary.

On motion, the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina complete.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That no member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be eligible to the P. G.'s chair, unless he has attained the R. P. degree, and no Patriarch shall be eligible to the chair of C. P. or H. P. in Subordinate Encampment, unless he be a P. G. of some Subordinate Lodge under the same jurisdiction.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., moved to strike out the 15th Rule of Order and to substitute the following, which was agreed to:

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend, and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration. The first four shall be decided without debate.

Rep. Morris, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different State Grand Lodges, to appoint one or more brothers competent to the task, whose duty it shall be to visit each Subordinate Lodge in his district at least once a year for the purpose of imparting instruction, so as to insure a uniformity in the work of the Order

Rep. Fosdick, of La., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That the charge to the Past Noble Grand on the installation of his successor, as contained in the New Work of the Order, shall not be so construed as to render it obligatory upon said Past Noble Grand to occupy the chair of the Junior Past Grand for the ensuing quarter; nor disqualify him from filling any elective or appointed office in his Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend by striking out the word "not" in the 2d line, and the word "nor" in the 4th line; pending this motion, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Alsop, of Ill., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge grant leave to the Grand Lodge of Illinois to amend their constitution so as to remove their Grand Lodge to such place as they shall at a future session determine.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which, on his motion to lie on the table, and be made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 5 o'clock, P. M., was rejected:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments hereafter have the power of holding their meetings at such places as they may deem expedient.

On motion, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., moved the following order, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hour of 8 o'clock, on Thursday evening, be set apart for the purpose of instruction in the Work of the Order.

Rep. Smith, of Me., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the consent of this Grand Lodge is hereby granted to the Grand Lodge of Maine to remove from its present location to such place as may be determined upon by a majority of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That a special committee be directed to enquire into the expediency of altering, amending, or abbreviating the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, especially that of the Golden Rule degree.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, submitted the following order, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., indefinitely to postpone the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be required to report a uniform mode to be pursued in removing the location of State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., offered the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not entertain a motion to change the place of holding the sessions of the Grand Lodges of the several states, unless accompanied by a petition from the majority of Subordinate Lodges, or the Grand Lodge of the State.

On motion of Rep. Thompson, of Mass., the resolution submitted by him, referring the subject of amending the Constitution so as to provide for classing the Representatives to a Special Committee, was reconsidered, and the resolution referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following proposition, to amend the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Strike "Grand Encampment" from Arts. 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., submitted the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to report a plan of conferring degrees in Degree and Subordinate Lodges, so as to establish a uniform system throughout the whole Order.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to report to this G. Lodge, by what law Degree Lodges are instituted, and whether the instituting of such Degree Lodges is not an infringement on the chartered rights of Subordinate Lodges.

The hour having arrived for taking up the special order of the day, on motion of Rep. Day, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of candidates for the office of Grand Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Miller, of Conn., - D. G. Sire Case, of Mass.
 By Rep. Stokes, of Pa., - - P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.
 By Rep. Marshall, of Ky., - P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.
 By Rep. Baldwin, of N. Y., P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.
 By Rep. Ropes, of Md., - P. G. M. Marley, of Md.
 By Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.

The nominations being closed, the Grand Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the election. The chair appointed Reps. Marshall, of Ky., and Miller, of Conn., as tellers.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Reps. and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called, reported the following result—that 57 votes had been polled for the office of Grand Sire, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- -	14 votes.
P. G. M. Marley, of Md.,	"	- - -	2 "
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	23 "
P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	"	- - -	5 "
P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	- - -	4 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	9 "

And that no candidate having received a majority of the votes polled for the office of Grand Sire, no choice had been made.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Stewart, as a candidate.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Reps. and P. G. Sires, as they were severally called, reported that 57 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	18 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	26 "
P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	"	- - -	5 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	8 "

And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of Rep. Thompson, of Mass., as a candidate.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election. The tellers having received the ballots of the Reps. and P. G. Sires, reported that 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	25 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	26 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	7 "
Blank,	- - - - -	- - -	1 "

And that no choice had been made.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election, when the following result was reported by the tellers: 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	25 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	28 "
P. D. G. S. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	5 "
P. G. M. Marley, of Md.,	"	- - -	1 "

And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. D. G. Sire Moore, of D. of C.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election. The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa.,	had received	- - -	32 votes.
D. G. S. Case, of Mass.,	"	- - -	26 "
Blank,	"	- - -	1 "

And that P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa., had received a majority of all the votes polled—

Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. D. G. S. Kneass, of Pa., was duly elected Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination for the office of D. G. Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Seymour, of S. C., - P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.

By Rep. Egan, of N. Y., - P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.

By Rep. Moore, of D. of C., P. G. M. Taylor, of Ind.

By Rep. Veitch, of Mo., - P. G. M. Allen, of Mo.

By Rep. Smith, of Me., - P. G. M. Atlee, of D. of C.

By Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, - P. G. M. Wilson, of Wisconsin.

By Rep. Judson, of Conn., - P. G. M. Miller, of Conn.

By Rep. Hoit, of N. H., - P. G. M. Parker, of N. H.

By Rep. Scarfoss, of N. J., - P. G. M. Weld, of N. J.

The nominations being closed, on motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 59 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	had received	- - -	15 votes.
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	9 "
" Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	- - -	5 "
" Taylor, of Ind.,	"	- - -	4 "
" Allen, of Mo.,	"	- - -	3 "
" Wilson, of Wis.,	"	- - -	3 "
" Miller, of Conn.,	"	- - -	7 "
" Parker, of N. H.,	"	- - -	2 "
" Weld, of N. J.,	"	- - -	3 "

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And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Wilson, of Wisconsin.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots, reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	had received	- - -	23 votes.
" Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	- - -	5 "
" Taylor, of Ia.,	"	- - -	6 "
" Allen, of Mo.,	"	- - -	2 "
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	- - -	13 "
" Miller, of Conn.,	"	- - -	4 "

P. G. M. Parker, of N. H.,	"	- - -	2 votes.
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And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the names of Reps. Miller, of Conn., Allen, of Mo., and Parker, of N. H.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. Robinson, of Va., enquired of the chair whether, in ascertaining the election of a candidate, *blanks* should be counted as votes. The chair decided that every ticket deposited, whether blank or otherwise, was a vote, and the majority of the whole votes thus polled was necessary to a choice.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the chair, and called the previous question; the call for the previous question being sustained by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The ballot then proceeded, when the tellers having collected the ballots, reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	had received	- -	21 votes.
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	- -	23 "
" Stewart, of N. Y.,	"	- -	7 "
" Taylor, of Ind.,	"	- -	4 "
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And that no choice had been made.

Leave was granted to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.

The Grand Lodge again proceeded to the election, when the tellers reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	had received	- -	23 votes
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	- -	21 "
" Taylor, of Ind.,	"	- -	12 "
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And that no choice had been made.

The Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election. The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 58 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	had received	- -	28 votes.
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	- -	15 "
" Taylor, of Ind.,	"	- -	14 "
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And that no choice had been made.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election. The tellers having received the ballots, reported that 56 votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.,	had received	- -	32 votes.
" Atlee, of D. of C.,	"	- -	13 "
" Taylor, of Ind.,	"	- -	12 "
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And that P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass., had received a majority of the whole number of votes polled.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. N. A. Thompson, of Mass., was duly elected Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of candidates for the office of Recording Secretary, when the following nomination was made:

By Rep. Stokes, of Pa., - P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

The nomination being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers announced that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., was unanimously elected.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Corresponding Secretary, when the following nomination was made: By Rep. Marshall, of Ky., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

The nomination being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers reported that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., had been unanimously elected.

Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., was duly chosen Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. Marshall, of Ky., - - P. G. M. Warner, of Md.

The nomination being closed, the tellers proceeded to collect the ballots, and having counted the same, announced that P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Md., was unanimously elected.

Whereupon the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Md., was duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the Grand Lodge proceeded to take up for consideration the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Salomon, of Ala., at the morning session of the 21st, when on motion of Rep. Salomon, of Ala., they were referred to a Select Committee.

The chair announced the appointment of the following Special Committees, pursuant to the several resolutions directing the same:

On Regalia and Jewels.—Gilley, of N. Y., Patterson, of Pa., and Salomon, of Ala.

On Form of Funeral Service and Form of Processions.—McNairy, of Tenn., Dunkin, of Canada, and Hoit, of N. H.

On Resolution of Rep. Wood—(page 860.)—Wood, of R. I., Wadsworth, of Miss., and Desaussure, of S. C.

On Resolution of Rep. MacRae (page 860.)—MacRae, of N. C., McIntyre, of Del., and Veitch, of Mo.

On the Powers of D. D. G. Sires—(page 862.)—Cooke, of Va., Stewart, of N. Y., and Garvin, of Ga.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 22, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present the M. W. G. Sire and all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

The Chair announced the following as the Special Committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. Salomon, of Ala., of the morning session: Rep. Salomon, of Ala., P. G. S. Hopkins, and Rep. Ropes, of Md.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from P. G. J. G. Forman, of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., submitted the following resolutions, which were read:

Whereas, the town and county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, have by an act of the General Government of the United States, been retroceded to the State of Virginia: therefore,

Resolved, That from and after the termination of the quarter which ends on the 30th of the present month, the territory thus retroceded and separated from the District of Columbia be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to that of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia; and that, after settling up their accounts with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the Lodges now organised within the retroceded territory, shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Resolved, further, That the Charter for a Grand Encampment of Patriarchs in the District of Columbia, which was confirmed during the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be so amended as to locate the said Grand Encampment in the city of Washington; and that Marley Encampment, located in Alexandria, after settling her accounts with this Grand Lodge, be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Rep. Hough, of D. of C., offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions submitted by Rep. Moore:

Whereas, by an act of the Congress of the U. S. passed at its last session, it was enacted, that under certain provisions therein contained, all that part of the District of Columbia lying on the South side of the Potomac and originally belonging to the State of Virginia, should be retroceded to said State; and whereas all of said provisions having been subsequently complied with and the President of the U. S. having issued a Proclamation declaring said act to be in full force and effect. And whereas there being at this time in said retroceded portion of the District of Columbia, one Encampment and two Lodges, viz: Marley Encampment, No. 2; Potomac Lodge, No. 8, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of the said District, respectively: therefore,

Resolved, That it is expedient and proper that the jurisdiction over Marley Encampment, No. 2, Potomac Lodge, No. 8, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, all of Alexandria, Va., should be immediately transferred to the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, respectively.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to report to this Grand Lodge the proper course to be pursued in carrying the above resolution into effect.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Moore, of D. of C., he moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as fol-

lows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolutions submitted by Rep. Moore, of D. of C.?" which was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., submitted the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

WHEREAS, at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, a resolution reported by the Committee on Petitions, was adopted, whereby the Grand Secretary was ordered to cause copies of the charters originally granted to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, to be made out by the proper officers, and transmitted to said bodies; and whereas, it has been found impracticable to carry the above order into effect according to the construction put upon it by the parties concerned:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and execute new charters for the above named bodies, and to add to such new charters short memoranda, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, of the date of the original charters and the circumstances under which the substitutes were granted.

Rep. Patterson, of Pa., offered the following amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Art. XXIV.—Each G. L. under this jurisdiction may open and close with prayer, and may grant the same power to its Subordinate Lodges, at its option; but in no case shall any form of Prayer be used, other than that furnished by the G. L. of the U. S.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to the By-Laws proposed by Rep. Veitch, of Mo., then lying on the table, in words following:

Strike out the words "Grand Lodges or Encampments or" in the 13th Article of the By-Laws.

The question being on adopting the amendment proposed, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution modifying the resolution passed at the last session, in relation to the location of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, report:

That they see no objection to the modification which is made by the resolution so submitted to them; they therefore recommend its adoption, requiring that as soon as the location of the Grand Encampment is fixed upon that the Grand Sire be forthwith notified.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1845, authorising the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, to the city of Richmond, be so modified as to allow its removal to such place as may be determined upon by a majority of the Subordinate Encampments, in a convention to be holden in the town of Portsmouth, on the 2d day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in April next; to be composed of legally qualified members of the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report of the committee as follows:

Provided, That the Encampment shall report the point selected to this Grand Lodge for its approval at its next Annual Session.

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., the whole subject was re-committed to the Committee on the State of the Order, with instructions to report the following resolution:

That the Grand Encampment of Virginia be authorised to hold a special meeting at such place and time as it may see fit, to consider the subject of the place selected as the future location thereof, reporting its decision thereon to this G. L. for its ultimate action.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following, his Annual Report, which was read, when, on motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, it was ordered that 2000 extra copies be printed for distribution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, in obedience to the law requiring the same, has the honor to present the Annual Report of this department. The following resolutions embrace the various subjects of duty directed to be performed by the Grand Secretary, during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary address a special circular to the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee, the Province of Canada, and the Republic of Texas, requiring them to forward the necessary information to complete a "Numerical Registry," as provided for at the Annual Session of 1843.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed, to have "copies of the Charters originally granted to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, made out by the proper officers, and transmitted to them."

3. *Resolved*, That Diplomas be delivered to the several State Grand Lodges, signed by the Grand Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that when said Diplomas are delivered to members of the Order, they receive the signature of the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge to which the recipient belongs.

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary be, and hereby is authorised to procure such alteration of the plate as may be necessary to carry the above resolution into effect.

4. *Resolved*, That if any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall decline the agency for the sale of Diplomas, as provided in the resolutions passed on the 21st Sept., 1843, then the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be authorised to appoint the Grand Secretary or the Grand Scribe of such Lodge or Encampment, and in the event of their declension, any other person, on satisfactory security being given.

Resolved, That upon such appointment all accounts with other agents in the same state be forthwith closed.

5. *Resolved*, That from and after the first of January, 1846, all cards, visiting or clearance, issued by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the price recommended for the same in the report, be approved of.

Resolved, That in case any Lodge or Encampment shall have on hand at the time specified in the above resolution, cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary on their delivery at his office, be directed to furnish proper cards in their place.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction, with a sufficient number

of blank certificates, in the form of the one prescribed in Article X of the Constitution, for the use of the Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That so soon as the revised edition of the Lectures, Charges, &c., is in readiness, the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary shall forward to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, such number of copies as they may respectively require; and it shall be the duty of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to collect the outstanding copies of the former editions of the Charges, Lectures, &c., and forward the same as early as practicable to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

On the 11th of February, 1845, in conformity with resolution No. 1, the Grand Corresponding Secretary addressed a special circular to the States therein designated, calling their attention to the object of the resolution, and respectfully inviting their early attention to the subject—he has the pleasure of acknowledging that returns have been made from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Indiana, Michigan and North Carolina, during the year, which are herewith submitted. It will be seen that there yet remain five Grand Lodges and four Grand Encampments which have failed to comply with the provisions of this law, requiring them “to make out accurate lists of the names and dates of the institution of every Lodge and Encampment under their jurisdiction, the date of suspension, expulsion, and reinstatement.” The Grand Corresponding Secretary has also received the regular reports of the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut and Kentucky, in obedience to the resolution of September Session, 1843, which requires “that in all cases of grant of Charters by the Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, they shall immediately report the same to the Grand Corresponding Secretary.” From no other jurisdiction has any return been made to this office. The law of September Session, 1843, was enacted for the purpose of obtaining a general Numerical Registry of all the Lodges in existence, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, directly and indirectly, each to be numbered according to its respective date of institution and seniority. To accomplish this object it was provided that Grand Lodges and Encampments should furnish, from their respective records, the necessary materials, and that the Grand Secretary should procure appropriate books to be kept as Registers, one for Lodges and the other for Encampments, and cause all the Lodges and Encampments, in communion with the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be entered and registered in said book, numbering each according to seniority as the same appeared from the reports required and the documents in his office; and that in all grants of charters by Grand Lodges or Encampments thereafter, with a view to the continuance of said Registry, they should report the same to the Corresponding Secretary, who was required to enter them in the General Registry with its proper numbers, and to communicate such proper number to the Grand Lodge or Encampment to be inserted in the particular Charter granted in addition to its ordinary State number.”

It will be perceived that the object of this law was to supply to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, what may be termed a Federal number, in addition to the State number, which they re-

spectively held, for the purpose, it is presumed, of presenting at all times evidence upon the general Registry of the whole number of Lodges in existence under this jurisdiction.

The means devised by the Grand Lodge at that session to carry out the law, afforded the only possible mode of success, and in so far as the duty devolved upon the undersigned, no effort has been left unemployed to obtain the information and materials necessary to consummate the object. During the last three years, the subject has been frequently brought to the notice of the Order, yet the Cor. Secretary is unable to prepare the Registry desired, for want of full materials. Several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments have failed to report entirely and but few of those who have reported, have furnished lists of new Lodges and Encampments instituted under their respective jurisdictions, since the passage of the law.

As it is wholly impracticable to prepare the Registry without the fullest materials, and as, in some instances, the reports furnished are exceedingly imperfect, and all the efforts of the Cor. Secretary, during the last three years, to get in complete returns, have failed, it is respectfully suggested that the law be repealed, or some other and more effectual means be devised to enable the proper officer to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge.

The undersigned, in view of the doubt which he entertains of ever getting Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to return promptly and regularly lists of the Lodges and Encampments to his office, as they are from time to time instituted, and from the fact that such Registry cannot be kept with precision, if any *single* state should be delinquent in supplying such reports with regularity, entertains the hope that the scheme may be abandoned by a repeal of the law.

It has been found impracticable to comply with the resolution directing "the Grand Secretary to have copies of the Charters originally granted to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, made out by the proper officers and transmitted to them." The Grand Officers, by whom these Charters were subscribed are scattered throughout the United States and not accessible to the Corresponding Secretary. It is respectfully suggested that a law be passed, directing warrants to be issued to these bodies, signed by the present Grand Officers, with a written memorandum upon the margin, certifying that they are granted in lieu of Charters originally issued to Oglethorpe Lodge and Magnolia Encampment of the State of Georgia, specifying their respective original dates. This course it would appear, will gratify the whole object of the memorialists.

In compliance with the resolutions relating to Diplomas, the Corresponding Secretary caused the plate to be so altered as to conform to the law of last session: these documents, as now issued, bear the signature of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States only; with a blank reserved for the signature of the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge to which the recipient may belong. The accounts, as directed, with all other agents than State Grand Lodges, for the sale of Diplomas, were

closed, and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts upon being advised of its preferred right to such agency, within its jurisdiction, by the law of 1843, having declined to accept the same, the Corresponding Secretary tendered the appointment to the Grand Secretary of the State, who accepted the office and filed a satisfactory bond as required by law, which is herewith submitted.

The resolution of the last session, requiring that from and after the first day of January, 1846, all cards, visiting or clearance, issued by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, has caused much embarrassment to that officer. In order to comply with the provisions of this law, it must be recollected that the whole supply remaining in the hands of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, issued during the previous year, without the countersignature of the Corresponding Secretary, was to be got in and a similar number with the countersignature of the Corresponding Secretary substituted for them, in addition to which the new demand, from such sources in which the supply had become exhausted it was necessary to meet with cards countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary, and all this was to be accomplished between the 1st day of October, 1845, and January 1st, 1846, a period of 90 days. Besides this onerous duty, the new work was to be printed and distributed by the Corresponding Secretary to each state within the same period, which latter office of itself, in view of its magnitude and great responsibility, could scarcely be accomplished in double the time. The undersigned, nevertheless, immediately after the close of the last session, addressed a circular to each jurisdiction, requesting instruction as to the particular number of Cards, which they might relatively require to be exchanged, and set about countersigning cards with diligence. After attaching his name to 21,000 cards, devoting exclusively all his time to the subject, he found that unless every other duty of his office was abandoned, he could not comply with the law, and under these circumstances asked and obtained the prompt approbation of the Grand Sire to a substitution of the *fac simile* for the proper signature of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and even in this way it was found impracticable to get cards, in sufficient quantity, printed within the time prescribed by law, in consequence of the delay occasioned by the necessity of retouching the plates. It is believed that the plan adopted will answer all the ends contemplated by the resolution, and as it is impracticable, in view of the general duties of the office, to sign the vast number of cards which are required by the States, the approbation of the Grand Lodge is respectfully asked to the course adopted.

Blanks have been furnished, as directed, to the Grand Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction in the form prescribed in Article X of the Constitution, for the use of Grand Representatives.

The last resolution of the series, devolving special duties upon the Corresponding Secretary during the recess, relates to the distribution of the revised work of the Order. So great was the desire for the revision of the work of the Order, and so universal the wish to be

placed in immediate possession of it, when adopted, that but little reflection was given to the difficulties and vast labor, inseparable from its distribution: hence, the adoption of the resolution fixing the 1st of January, 1846, as the period of its general introduction and practice throughout the jurisdiction. It was not considered that although the work was adopted by the September Session, as amended by that body, that it was recommitted to the Committee on Revision with very general powers in relation to its further improvement and printing, and that said committee consisting of five members, scattered throughout the country, as a means of conference, were limited exclusively to correspondence by mail; that the very precise and accurate proof corrections, which were required to gratify the authors of the revision, would occupy time and occasion delay. In view of all these embarrassments, the Committee on Revision made an earnest effort to comply with the law, and did deliver the subordinate work to the Corresponding Secretary by the 1st day of January, 1846, who immediately caused its prompt distribution by appointing an agency at New York, the place of printing, in the person of P. G. Sire Kennedy, who, as rapidly as he received the work from the press, personally directed its general dissemination. Having completed the distribution of the subordinate work, that of the Encampments was effected immediately upon its receipt from the Committee on Revision, in which body it was delayed by the difficulties of correspondence, and the delays incident to mail correspondence, in comparing opinions and reviewing proof sheets.

The whole distribution was happily effected during the spring, and regarding the extent of territory, over which it was directed, the number of books disseminated, and the amount of labor incident to the task, it is a source of gratification to the undersigned that but a very few complaints have reached him, and that all appear to have manifested that spirit of forbearance and proper appreciation which so eminently distinguishes our beloved Order.

No provision having been made at the last session for printing the work in the German or Welsh languages, the Committee on Revision, under the general authority confided to it, caused two hundred and fifty copies of the work of Subordinate Lodges to be printed in German, which have been received and distributed as far as applications have been made for the same.

I have to acknowledge the return of the old work to this office from D. D. G. Sires Guild, of Massachusetts, and Blain, of Ohio, and from Grand Secretary Gyle, of Charleston. I have to regret that the resolution of the last session directing the Committee on Revision in conjunction with P. G. Sires Wilkey and Hopkins, to write out in cipher and illustrate with diagrams all the "....." and "....." of the Order, and to place the same in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary on or before July 1, 1846, has not been complied with, and I beg to express the hope that some order may be adopted at the present session to secure a compliance with so important and desirable an order. It is not necessary to enter into any argument to maintain the value of such a work, to be preserved in the archives of the Order.

and to be transmitted to posterity as the true and only standard of precision in the unwritten language of the Order. At this time reliance is had exclusively upon the recollection of the P. G. Sires of the Order, whose instruction, at the Annual Session of this body, is held to be authority. In a few years, the more experienced of these distinguished brethren will have been gathered to their Fathers, and the Order, unless some means be adopted of preserving their experience to posterity with certainty, will be involved in embarrassment, in relation to the early established language of Odd-Fellowship. This subject is especially commended to the attention of the Representatives.

I have received many communications asking for directions as to the manner and channel by which the old work shall be returned, and have directed the old work to be delivered to D. D. G. Sires, in whose hands it should remain, subject to such orders as might be adopted at your present session.

Commissions have been issued to D. D. G. Sires for the several states, territories and provinces under this jurisdiction, as appointed by the Grand Sire, and the following have complied with the law requiring that they should give bond, to be approved by the G. Sire, to wit: P. G. M. James Wood, of Rhode Island; P. G. M. Alexander MacRae, of North Carolina; P. G. M. Wilkins F. Tannehill, of Tennessee; P. G. W. F. Davis, of Arkansas; P. G. M. Chas. McGowan, of New York; P. G. M. Geo. I. Dicks, of Mississippi; P. G. A. B. Coleman, of Louisiana; P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan; P. G. Wylie Williams, of Georgia; P. G. Benj. C. True, for Vermont; P. G. William R. Smith, of Maine; P. G. David Philbrick, of New Hampshire; P. G. M. Marshall C. Holmes, of New Jersey; P. G. M. Gerard B. Allen, of Missouri; P. G. M. W. Duane Wilson, of Wisconsin; P. G. John T. Blain, of Ohio; P. G. M. John W. Stokes, of Pennsylvania; P. G. James M. Ford, of Virginia. The bonds of these officers are herewith submitted.

The undersigned has had during the year a voluminous and highly gratifying correspondence with the D. D. G. Sires and Grand Officers of the various subordinate jurisdictions, and proceeds now to detail such correspondence with his office as may be worthy your notice.

Foreign Relations.—During the past year, no intelligence whatever has been received at this office from the Grand Lodge of Wales: a report from P. G. James W. Hale, of New York, of the due institution of Pioneer Lodge at Stockport, and the circumstances attending the organization of the said Lodge has been received, which is fully explained in the correspondence accompanying the very interesting report of the able and efficient commission upon which this delegation was conferred. I regret to inform the Representatives that soon after the institution of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, it ceased to meet, owing to causes which will appear upon examination of the report of the commissioners, and the memorial and remonstrance of P. Pro. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, of Stockport, England, herewith submitted. I had the honor, soon after the last session, in obedience to the orders directing a warrant to be issued to P. G. James W. Hale and Thos.

W. Colburn, for a Lodge to be styled Oriental Lodge, No. 2, to be located at the city of Liverpool, England, and the further order directing two of the printed Reports of the Committee on Revision, conforming to the amended Lectures and Charges, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be prepared and transmitted to P. G. James W. Hale, at Liverpool, to perform that duty. Oriental Lodge, No. 2, has not been instituted, in consequence of a misunderstanding which unhappily prevailed in relation to the priority as to numbers of the two Lodges instituted in England, for the particulars of which you are referred to the elaborate remonstrance of P. G.'s James W. Hale and his colleague, on the English commission, herewith presented.

Herewith I present a condensed review of the general state of the Order in this jurisdiction, as derived from the correspondence of this department.

Canada.—From D. D. G. Sire Sewall, of this district, a report has been received, which, with the correspondence with that officer, during the year, serves to show that there has been a great increase of Lodges and members within the jurisdiction. The Patriarchal branch of the Order has equally advanced with the subordinate work, and a warrant has been issued for the institution of a Grand Encampment for the Province of Canada.

Michigan.—The report of the able and efficient D. D. G. Sire of Michigan is full of interest, exhibiting as it does the gratifying results of active and earnest efforts on the part of the Grand Officers of the State. D. D. G. Sire Kellogg has distinguished himself by unremitting exertions and a zealous co-operation with the State authorities, in promoting the welfare of the Order. The increase in this jurisdiction, during the past year, in all the departments of the Order, has been very great.

Vermont.—Three new Lodges have been instituted in this district during the past year, and the Patriarchal Order has been introduced by the institution of Winooski Encampment, No. 1, at Montpelier. To D. D. G. Sire B. C. True and D. G. Sire Case, much credit is due for their obliging and prompt answer to the call made for their services in visiting this State, organizing the new Lodges and Encampment, and giving general instructions in the work. The attention of the Representatives is especially invited to the interesting report of these officers.

Maine.—The highest degree of prosperity pervades the Order within this jurisdiction. The correspondence during the year with D. D. G. Sire Smith and the Grand Officers of Maine, has been highly gratifying. The unsettled accounts of the former D. D. G. Sire of this State were placed, at the request of the commission heretofore appointed to adjust the same, in the hands of D. D. G. Sire Smith, and I regret to say that but little hope is entertained of realizing further payments from the delinquent officer. Some further order must be adopted on this subject.

Massachusetts.—The reports of the D. D. G. Sire and of the Grand

Lodge of this jurisdiction, shew the continued triumphant progress of our beloved Order within this ancient commonwealth. The increase in strength, in every sense in which the term may be employed, whether as regards numbers, respectability of character, Lodges, or moral influence, is unparalleled, it is believed, in the history of any similar institution. The able and attentive Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, Bro. W. H. Jones, has been among the most valued correspondents of this office.

New Hampshire.—I have had but little correspondence with this State during the year, but from the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge, which has been made in due season, it appears that the progress of the Order, if quiet and noiseless, has been rapid and diffusive. Eight new Lodges have been instituted and above six hundred added to the constituency of the Order during the past year.

Rhode Island.—Odd-Fellowship in this State continues to prosper in all its departments. D. D. G. Sire James Wood, of this State, has by his active labors and untiring efforts, in the cause of the Order, justly endeared himself to the whole brotherhood.

Connecticut.—I am happy to report that the most abundant success has crowned the labors of our brethren in Connecticut during the past year.

New York.—The report of D. D. G. Sire McGowan, of this district, exhibits the most gratifying picture of the state of the Order within the State; great accessions of Lodges, Encampments and members, have been made to this vast jurisdiction of Odd-Fellowship during the past year.

Pennsylvania.—The Report of D. D. G. Sire Stokes, of Pa., has been received. It is due to the efficient and energetic administration of the affairs of this State Grand Lodge, that the undersigned should distinguish it for its untiring zeal in behalf of the Order, and the extraordinary success which has crowned its labors. In no part of the jurisdiction has there been a greater accession of members and Lodges. The report of the D. D. G. Sire is full of interest, and the promptness and precision of Grand Secretary Curtis, in strictly conforming to the requisitions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in making in due season all his reports, is a worthy example and deserving the highest commendation. During the year a magnificent structure has been erected by the Lodges of Pennsylvania, which, on the 17th of the present month, was solemnly dedicated to the exalted principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, amid the gratulations of thousands of the assembled brotherhood from all quarters of the jurisdiction.

New Jersey.—All is prosperous within this State, and the highest degree of harmony and fellowship prevails in all departments of the Order.

Delaware.—I have the honor to report that a new impetus has been given to Odd-Fellowship within this jurisdiction. The languor which formerly prevailed has been dissipated and a general zeal now pervades the brotherhood. The number of members has nearly doubled during the last year.

Maryland.—From the report of D. D. G. Sire Marley, of this district, it appears that four new Lodges and one Encampment have been instituted during the year, and two defunct Lodges revived. The Order is represented by this officer to be in a very flourishing condition within his jurisdiction.

District of Columbia.—The distinguished D. D. G. Sire of this district, P. G. M. W. W. Moore, continues his unremitting exertions in behalf of the Order. The report of the Grand Lodge exhibits a progressive increase over that of the last year. The Patriarchal department within this jurisdiction has had a season of great prosperity, and may be justly distinguished for the precision and accuracy of its work. A Grand Encampment has been instituted by the D. D. G. Sire, which now exerts jurisdiction over all the Subordinates of the district. The act of congress providing for the retrocession of the county of Alexandria to the State of Virginia will, it seems, require some change in the subordinate relations of the Encampment at Alexandria, now under the charge of the G. Encampment of the District.

Virginia.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this State has been made, and from the correspondence of the Grand Secretary, and the details of the report, I learn that the Order is highly prosperous in this State.

North Carolina.—From the estimable D. D. G. Sire of this State, P. G. M. Alex. MacRae, I learn that "our Order is in a healthy condition in North Carolina, not easily excited and therefore getting on soberly."

South Carolina.—I have great pleasure in being able to reiterate the sentiments of my former reports as to the highly prosperous career of Odd-Fellowship within this valued jurisdiction. Our beloved Order continues to occupy a high position in the confidence and esteem of the people of South Carolina.

Georgia and Florida.—D. D. G. Sire Wylie Williams, of this district, has been prompt and efficient in his services to the Order in these States. His able reports, herewith presented, need no comment; they present, in clear and perspicuous characters, the healthy condition of Odd-Fellowship within his jurisdiction.

Alabama.—The Annual Report of this Grand Lodge and dues have been received, as heretofore, within the fiscal year. It is gratifying to witness the great increase in the Order, which has resulted from its introduction to the interior of the State. The report of D. D. G. Sire Williamson, herewith submitted, is full of interest. This brother has distinguished himself by a prompt, willing, and active service throughout the State, in organizing new Lodges and Encampments, and general instruction in the revised work.

Mississippi.—Grand Secretary John B. Dicks, of this State, continues to be a valued and faithful correspondent with this office. The Annual Report has been received from him in due season, and the report of D. D. G. Sire Geo. I. Dicks presents a most cheering picture of the improved progress of Odd-Fellowship in this State.

Louisiana.—It is with great pleasure I report the continued healthy increase of the Order in this State. Under the renewed impulse, given to it during the last two years, Odd-Fellowship has taken new

root within the borders of Louisiana, and is now soon destined to attain a rank due to its seniority in the confederacy. D. D. G. Sire Coleman, of this district, has maintained with this department an interesting correspondence during the year.

Missouri.—I acknowledge the obligations due to D. D. G. Sire G. B. Allen, of Missouri, for valuable services rendered to the Grand Lodge of the United States during the year, in this district and its vicinity. Added to his efficiency in Missouri, he has promptly responded to all calls made upon him, by the undersigned, for services in the adjoining States, at points without the reach of the proper officers of such districts, and has performed such service in a manner worthy the especial notice of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Order in Missouri is highly prosperous in all its branches.

Illinois.—In consequence of the extreme northwestern locality of D. D. G. Sire Potts, appointed for northern Illinois and Wisconsin, and Iowa in part, the Grand Sire specially commissioned D. D. G. Sire Allen, of Missouri, to have in charge the state of Odd-Fellowship in middle and southern Illinois. This officer has opened two Encampments in this State during the year, one at Bellsville, and the other at Quincy—of the condition of the Grand Lodge and its operations, I am happy to report considerable improvement during the year. Some suggestions, herewith presented, from D. D. G. Sire Allen, in relation to the Order in this State, are worthy your consideration.

Indiana.—Grand Master Taylor and Grand Secretary Cayce, of Indiana, have corresponded during the year with the undersigned, and present the Order in a highly flourishing state.

Ohio.—The Grand Lodge of this State, with usual punctuality, has made its Annual Report within the fiscal year. Our strength in this distinguished jurisdiction has nearly doubled during the past year. This being the residence of the Grand Sire, reference is more particularly made to his report for details. I cannot forbear, however, the favorable mention of Grand Master Day for his regular and valued correspondence with this office. To D. D. G. Sire Blain, of Columbus, I am also under many obligations for valuable services during the year. His report is herewith submitted.

Kentucky.—This State, during the past year, has acquired the highest grade of representation, having increased to over 1000 contributing members. From the reports and correspondence with the proper officers, I have great pleasure in stating that universal harmony and the highest degree of prosperity prevails in all the departments of the Order in Kentucky.

Tennessee.—I have had but little information from this State during the year; but from the report of D. D. G. Sire Tannehill, of Memphis, we have the assurance of the healthy state of the Order within his jurisdiction. Warrants have been issued for two additional Encampments in this State.

Arkansas.—D. D. G. Sire William F. Davis was appointed to have in special charge the state of Odd-Fellowship in Arkansas; from his report, herewith submitted, it will appear that he has re-

animated Far West Lodge, No. 1, at Little Rock, which had almost ceased to exist, and instituted a new Lodge, Telulah, No. 2, at Helena, Arkansas, his report and account in relation to which are herewith submitted for your approbation.

Wisconsin, Iowa, and Northern Illinois.—This district is divided between D. D. G. Sires John G. Potts, of Galena, and Wm. Duane Wilson, of Milwaukee; the reports of these two officers deserve the marked notice of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In no part of the jurisdiction has there been more active, zealous and laborious duties performed by any of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It will be seen that they have covered this section all over with Lodges and Encampments. Applications, during the recess, have been received from Iowa and Wisconsin for Grand Lodge warrants, which are herewith presented.

Texas.—I have but little information to report as to the condition of the Order in Texas. Three Lodges exist in tolerable health. It is to be hoped that the permanent and vastly improved political condition of the State will tend to add much to the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship within its borders.

The undersigned would again, with great deference, recommend to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the subject of a uniform code of General Laws, and the propriety of reducing into form, all such laws as derive their force from usage. It is impossible to convey an adequate idea to the Grand Lodge, of the constant and increasing enquiries that are made of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from all quarters, for opinions upon questions of law, not unfrequently arising out of differences of opinion among some of the oldest and best informed members of the Order—added to which, the Grand Sire is crowded with similar applications. It is made by law the duty of the Grand Sire to determine all such points of difference, and the undersigned having no power to respond *officially*, has, for the most part, transmitted the many letters received on these subjects to the M. W. Grand Sire. This imposes upon that officer an onerous and often delicate responsibility, which properly should reside in the Grand Lodge itself, by virtue of general laws, which would settle uniformly the fundamental laws and discipline of the Order. The constantly conflicting decisions in the legislation of the State Grand Lodges upon questions of usage and discipline, by which each State adopts its own construction and practice, will lead to great embarrassment in the general jurisprudence of the Order, if this subject be deferred, as it has heretofore been, from time to time. As I have already intimated, no correct idea can be formed of the extent of the inquiries which are addressed to this office for advice and counsel, unless by examination of its correspondence; to all of which, the undersigned has been ever ready, and will continue to be ever ready, to respond as an *individual*, if it still please the Grand Lodge to continue the existing state of things.

The Journal of the last session was delayed beyond the time prescribed by law for its distribution among the subordinates to this jurisdiction, by the printers, which occasioned complaints; the un-

dersigned deems it due to himself to state that the manuscript of the Journal was placed in the hands of the printers within thirty days after the close of the session. It is due also to those enterprising brothers, the contractors for the printing of the regular Journal, to state in extenuation of the delay, that having also the contract for printing the revised work, and being extremely anxious to hasten the accomplishment of this object within the period prescribed by the resolution of last session, to wit, January 1, 1846, that they found it absolutely necessary to defer the Journal to that more important object. Hereafter, the undersigned will ensure a compliance with existing laws in relation to the distribution of the Journal. When printed it was rapidly disseminated to all parts of the jurisdiction and to the proper officers entitled to receive the same. Herewith is presented the Constitutions and By-Laws, received during the recess, submitted for your examination and approval, also the Journal of Proceedings of the different state Grand Lodges and Encampments. I am happy to acknowledge that most of these bodies have complied with the resolution of the last session, so far as to transmit the current Proceedings of their respective bodies, but I have to regret that so much of the resolution, which asks for a bound copy of the entire Journal of each state, has not met a cordial response. It will be apparent, that, in order to render these proceedings valuable as embracing important information in relation to the history and progress of the Order, they should be complete and perfect. It is respectfully suggested that power be vested in the Corresponding Secretary, authorising him to procure from each state a bound copy of the entire Journal of Proceedings of such state.

Dispensations, according to law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, have been issued during the year, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

District of Columbia, at Alexandria.

Province of Canada, at Montreal.

State of Missouri, at St. Louis.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

To Telulah Lodge, - - - -	No 2, Helena, Arkansas.
" Windsor Lodge, - - - -	" 3, Windsor, Vermont.
" White River Lodge, - - -	" 4, Bethel, "
" Wantastequet, - - - -	" 5, Battleboro, "
" Kneeland, - - - -	" 5, Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
" Lilly of the Mount, - - -	" 6, Platteville, "
" Southport, - - - -	" 7, Southport, "
" Racine, - - - -	" 8, Racine, "
" Olive Branch, - - - -	" 9, Delavin, "
" E-NE-WE. Shin-E-Grass	" 10, Beloit, "
" Burlington, - - - -	" 11, Burlington, "
" Sheboyon, - - - -	" 12, Sheboyon, "
" Muscatine Lodge, - - - -	" 5, Bloomington, Iowa.
" Kosciusko, - - - -	" 6, Iowa city, "

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

To Magenenu, - - - - -	No. 4, Washington City, D. C.
" Allen, - - - - -	" 4, Quincy, Illinois.
" Lead Mine, - - - - -	" 5, Galena, "
" Neilson, - - - - -	" 6, Belleville, "
" Milwaukie, - - - - -	" 1, Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
" Calumet, - - - - -	" 3, Newbern, N. C.
" Hobah, - - - - -	" 3, New Orleans, La.
" Winooski, - - - - -	" 1, Montpelier, Vermont.
" - - - - -	" 4, Nashville, Tenn.
" Jackson, - - - - -	" 5, Franklin, "
" Palestine, - - - - -	" 3, Newport, R. I.
" Royal Mount Camp, - - -	" 3, Montreal, Canada.
" St. Louis, - - - - -	" 4, Quebec, "
" - - - - -	" 1, Jacksonville, Florida.
" Paw-Wah-Ting, - - - - -	" 3, Niles, Michigan.
" Lenawa, - - - - -	" 4, Adrian, "
" Wildey, - - - - -	" 5, Jackson, "
" Sannaritan, - - - - -	" 6, Kalamazoo, "
" Flint, - - - - -	" 6, Albany, Georgia.

The several applications for these warrants are herewith submitted, the returns of the D. D. G. Sires, to whom they were directed, it is presumed, are embraced within their general reports to the Grand Sire, as but few special returns have been made to this office. In the event of your approbation of these warrants, they become *ipso facto*, by virtue of the resolution of September Session, 1843, absolute as charters. I subjoin, in tabular form, a condensed view of the state of the Order, and its general operations during the past year, as derived from the Annual Reports of the Grand Lodges, also a comparative statement showing its relative condition in the years 1845 and 1846—Doc. 1-2.

In view of the vast increase of the Order, during the last few years, and the correspondent greatly augmented labors of this office, the undersigned, at the last session, suggested the passage of a law creating permanent officers in each state, with defined powers, to act as the special agents of the Grand Lodge of the United States, under his direction. This suggestion was made from a belief that much valuable aid might be derived from efficient officers of this class by the Corresponding Secretary, in the collection of the accounts of his office, the safe transmission of packages, and the prompt return of the Annual Reports. The Grand Lodge thought proper to gratify the undersigned in this suggestion, in part, but upon the recommendation of the then Grand Sire enlarged the functions of these officers by constituting them D. D. G. Sires with vaguely defined powers. The effect of this legislation has been embarrassing. In some instances, these officers have wholly misconceived their authority, and in other cases they have declined to exercise any functions, from the absence of law specifically defining and detailing their duties. It is the opinion of the undersigned, that, in sc

far as they are made agents of the Corresponding Secretary, under his direction they are valuable aids to that officer, in the discharge of his varied and comprehensive duties; but in reference to their official or executive functions in states where Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments exist, he doubts their utility, unless clothed with specifically defined powers.

I feel it to be my duty to present to the consideration of the Representatives the subject of printing the work of the Order. It is well known that the Grand Lodge of the United States has thought proper to reserve to itself the exclusive right of printing its own work; this course has been adopted not only as a conservative, or protective measure, but also as a source of revenue. During the past year, and since the new work has been in force in some states, all the Odes and Charges have been printed in card form by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and in some instances by individuals. From other States the enquiry has been made of the undersigned, as to the power to print these Odes and Charges, and he has responded, that, in his judgment, it was improper. This subject is submitted that you may, by law, determine whether any part of the work, or any form of Diploma may be printed by state authority, and, if so, to what authority in the state the power shall be limited. It is unnecessary for the undersigned to say that the authorization of this practice will materially divert from the revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States, especially in the matter of Diplomas.

In conformity with the resolution of 1844, directing "that the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Lodge, in his Annual Report, with a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amount due to and by it, and a statement of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges, which may not have reported, said report to be made up to within two weeks of the Annual Session of this body," I beg leave, so far as the returns have enabled me to comply with this law, to present the accompanying tabular statements, conveying the information required, marked A, B, C, D. By the resolution of September Session, 1844, prescribing the 1st of July and the 30th June, as the periods within which the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States should commence and terminate, the Corresponding Secretary is directed to close the accounts of this office in each year with the 30th June. This salutary regulation was adopted with a view to bring before the Representatives, at each Annual Session, a full detail of the entire operations of the Order during the year.

In order to enable the Corresponding Secretary to prepare and submit a correct report upon this subject, a reasonable time was allowed between the termination of the fiscal year and the commencement of your Annual Session; but I have to reiterate the expression of my sincere regret that a general disposition does not prevail on the part of Grand Lodges and Encampments to comply with this law. I had entertained the hope that the appointment of D. D. G. Sires for each state would have insured a very general return from the subordinates to this jurisdiction, within the fiscal year, but in the

aid expected, in this particular, from these officers, I have been wholly disappointed. Believing that it is impracticable ever to get the business of this office into a proper system, without a strict conformation to this law on the part of every state Grand Lodge and Encampment; and, having heretofore repeatedly employed the means of public notification, and private circular, to each of these bodies within a reasonable time, before the expiration of the fiscal year, without success, I would very respectfully recommend, as probably the best means of procuring the annual returns from state Grand Lodges and Encampments, within the fiscal year, that a law be passed directing such reports to be made up to the end of the quarter immediately preceding the 30th June in each year, and in the event of a failure to comply with this regulation the imposition of some reasonable fine, or disability. It is true, by pursuing this course, the returns made for the first year would only embrace a period of three quarters, but every future report would comprehend the operations of the entire year, and thus this most to be desired object may be fully attained. Experience has satisfied me that the law had better be entirely abandoned and the old system returned to, when the Annual Reports were brought in during the session, and the Representatives thus left without any official information and without any ability to legislate properly, in relation to these important subjects, at the very time, when all the details which they should present, should have been collected, digested and submitted in a condensed form for their examination, than that a law should exist nominally on the statute book, and be complied with or not at the pleasure of those whom it concerns. Without such a regulation, no system can be maintained in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, and unless it be strictly enforced, the law is of no value, I beg therefore earnestly to ask that measures may be adopted to compel a compliance with its provisions.

It is contended by the Grand Lodges and Encampments which fail to comply, that their annual returns cannot be got in by the 30th of June, because their last quarter antecedent to the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States does not terminate until after that period. Now, it is very obvious that there is no reason for deferring their Annual Report until the last quarter of the year, since they are required by law to report up to 30th June, and to comply with this order it is only necessary to report up to the end of the quarter preceding that period. Every Grand Lodge and every Grand Encampment is interested, deeply interested in the proper administration of the office of the Corresponding Secretary, and let me assure them, that no satisfactory statistics can be presented to them of the affairs of the Order, unless they will all unite in obedience to this law.

In compliance with the order requiring the Grand Corresponding Secretary "to pay over all monies received by him in the vacation for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source and for what object, the undersigned presents the following statement of the receipts of his office during the fiscal year of 1845-6. Herewith is also presented

a supplementary statement, showing the receipts of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, from what source, and for what object, since the termination of the fiscal year and the commencement of the Annual Session; the various sums received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

Statement of Receipts of Grand Secretary during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1845, and terminating June 30, 1846.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Sept. 17.	Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, Iowa.....	Warrant.	\$30 00	181
Nov. 25.	Magenenu Camp., No 4, Washington.....		30 00	191
Dec. 26.	— Lodge, Bloomington, Iowa.....		30 00	196
1846. Jan'y 5.	Lilly of the Mount Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	199
"	Paw-wah-ting Camp., No. 3, Michigan.....		30 00	"
Feb'y 17.	Hobat Camp., No. 3, New Orleans.....		30 00	205
March 9.	Royal Mount Camp., No. 3, Canada.....		30 00	212
" 16.	Lenawawee Camp., No. 4, Michigan.....		30 00	215
"	Wildey Camp., No. 5, Michigan.....		30 00	"
" 18.	Allen Camp., No. 4, Quincy, Illinois ..		30 00	217
" 26.	Oregon City Lodge, No. 1, Oregon.....		30 00	219
"	Palestine Camp., Rhode Island.....		30 00	220
April 6.	Southport Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	223
"	Racine Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	224
" 9.	Bethel Lodge, No. 4, Vermont.....		30 00	227
" 13.	Grand Lodge, Wisconsin....		30 00	228
"	Woodville Camp, Mississippi.....		30 00	229
" 27.	Florida Camp., No. 1, Florida.....		30 00	234
May 7.	Lead Mine Camp., Galena, Illinois.....		30 00	240
" 18.	Olive Branch Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	244
"	Ene-we-shin-e-grass Lodge, Wisconsin..		30 00	"
June 11.	Windsor Lodge, No. 3, Vermont.....		30 00	249
"	Neilson Camp., No. 6, Illinois.....		30 00	"
" 15.	St. Louis Camp., Quebec, Canada.....		30 00	250
" 23.	Samaritan Camp., No. 6, Michigan.....		30 00	256
" 30.	Calumet, No. 4, North Carolina.....		30 00	264
"	Burlington Lodge, Wisconsin.....		30 00	269
"	Grand Camp., District of Columbia.....		30 00	271
"	Grand Camp. of Canada.....		30 00	274
"	Jackson Camp., No. 4, Tennessee..		30 00	282
"	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....		30 00	283
"	Winooski Camp, No., 1, Vermont.....		30 00	286
"	Flint Camp., No. 6, Georgia.....		30 00	290
"	Kosciusko Lodge, No. 6, Iowa.....		30 00	295
Total for Warrants.....			\$1020 00	
1845. Sept. 17.	Nashoonow Camp., N. H.....	Dues	\$42 00	180
"	Wonlanset Camp., N. H.....		16 74	"
"	Menotomy Camp., Mass.....		7 20	"
"	Monomake Camp., Mass.....		6 05	"
"	Strawberry Bank Camp., N. H.....		30 00	"
" 18.	Delaware Camp., Wilmington, Del.....		34 64	183
Nov. 25.	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vt.....		11 26	192
" 27.	Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Iowa.....		5 75	193

*Charter fee received, although no warrant issued from this office.

Statement continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Dec. 11,	Sagamore Camp., No. 3, Maine.....	Dues.	\$4 19	194
"	Eastern Star, No. 2, do.....		7 41	"
"	Sagadahock, No. 6, do.....		1 20	"
"	Border, No. 8, do.....		10 20	"
" 13,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin.....		14 00	195
" 29,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont.....		62 31	197
1846. Jan. 5,	Michigonne Camp., Maine.....		9 00	198
"	Hobah Camp., do.....		1 00	"
" 16,	Florida Lodge, Florida.....		6 12	200
"	Kennedy Lodge, do.....		3 00	"
Feb. 9,	Magnolia Camp., Georgia.....		32 00	202
" 14,	Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Iowa.....		6 00	204
" 24,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin.....		13 00	207
"	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vermont.....		22 60	208
" 26,	Green Mountain, No. 1, do.....		9 65	209
March 5,	Michigan Camp., No. 1, Detroit.....		14 40	210
"	Marshall Camp, do.....		2 25	"
" 9,	Augusta Camp., Georgia.....		15 24	213
" 18,	Miners' Lodge, Iowa.....		14 00	216
"	Wilkey Camp., Missouri.....		9 59	217
"	Frontier Camp., do.....		29	"
"	Stewart Camp., do.....		6 90	"
" 26,	Nashoonow Camp., N. H.....		2 00	218
"	Wonolanset Camp., do.....		1 06	"
"	Penecoke Camp., do.....		1 00	"
"	Quocheco Camp., do.....		2 00	"
"	Strawberry Bank, do.....		2 20	"
April 4,	Maine Lodge, No. 1, Maine.....		37 31	222
"	Maine Antient Brothers, do.....		54 35	"
" 6,	Milwaukie Lodge, Wisconsin.....		41 69	225
"	Illinois Camp., No. 3, Illinois.....		6 42	"
" 18,	Narraganset Camp., Rhode Island.....		30 43	231
"	Mossashuck Camp., do.....		69 41	232
May 5,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont.....		14 87	235
" 7,	Florida and Kennedy Lodges, Florida.....		47 43	237
"	Magnolia Camp., Georgia.....		22 38	"
"	Ocmulgee Camp., do.....		8 00	"
"	Franklin Camp., do.....		8 85	"
"	Chatahoogie Camp., do.....		24 14	"
" 9,	Augusta Camp., do.....		15 24	"
" 18,	Washington Lodge, Iowa.....		12 76	241
"	Keosauqua Lodge, Iowa.....		14 16	243
" 27,	Katahan Camp, Maine.....		8 00	246
June 29,	Washington Lodge, Iowa.....		13 00	259
" 30,	Miners' Lodge, Wisconsin.....		15 00	262
"	Bain Camp., North Carolina.....		15 40	266
"	Harmony Lodge, Iowa.....		8 54	267
"	Rose of the Valley, Iowa.....		9 63	"
"	Jefferson Lodge, Iowa.....		15 17	270
"	Harmony Lodge, do.....		11 83	"
"	Columbian Camp., District of Columbia.....		61 80	271
"	Mount Pisgah Camp., do.....		25 51	"
"	Magenenu Camp., do.....		57 98	"
"	Michigan Camp., Detroit.....		34 19	273
"	Marshall Camp., do.....		11 01	"
"	Paw-wah-ting Camp., do.....		22 38	"
"	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin.....		13 58	277

Statement continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. June 30,	Miners' Lodge, Wisconsin.....	Dues.	\$7 46	277
"	Lilly of the Mount Lodge, do.....		19 46	"
"	Wilkey Camp., Mississippi.....		26 50	280
"	Milwaukie Lodge, Wisconsin.....		28 82	281
"	Milwaukie Lodge, do.....		10 90	"
"	Kneeland Lodge, do.....		7 69	"
"	Southport Lodge, do.....		29 11	"
"	Southport Lodge, do.....		30 34	"
"	Racine Lodge, do.....		22 68	"
"	Racine Lodge, do.....		26 38	"
"	Illinois Camp., Chicago.....		4 88	"
"	Black Warrior Camp., Ala.....		15 00	284
"	Windsor Lodge, No. 3, Vermont.....		22 00	286
"	Vermont Lodge, do.....		16 27	"
"	Mount Arrarat Camp., Mobile.....		11 77	287
"	Illinois Camp., No. 3, Illinois.....		10 00	288
"	Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, Iowa.....		28 39	291
"	Uchelaga Camp., No. 1, Canada.....		105 54	292
"	Royal Mount Camp., do.....		27 10	"
"	Narraganset Camp, Rhode Island.....		37 75	293
"	Mossashuck Camp, do.....		85 22	"
"	St. Paul's Camp., Alabama.....		46 50	296
	Total for Dues.....		\$1775 97	
1845. Sept. 15,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	Books.	\$22 00	178
" 16,	do. do. Ohio.....		50 00	179
"	do. do. New Hampshire.....		12 00	"
" 18,	do. do. Illinois.....		2 00	182
" 19,	Grand Camp of New Jersey.....		2 00	185
" 27,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....		3 00	187
Nov. 15,	do. do. Texas.....		7 00	189
1846. Jan. 26,	do. do. Pennsylvania.....		500 00	201
Feb. 14,	do. do. Rhode Island.....		80 00	203
" 20,	do. do. Connecticut.....		152 50	206
March 11,	do. do. South Carolina.....		42 50	214
" 28,	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....		192 00	221
April 15,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....		524 00	230
" 27,	do. do. Ohio.....		311 77	233
May 5,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont.....		4 00	235
" 7,	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....		122 00	238
"	do. do. Tennessee.....		5 00	239
" 18,	do. do. Maine.....		171 00	242
" 22,	Grand Camp. of Maryland.....		37 50	245
" 27,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....		62 50	247
June 11,	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....		30 00	248
" 20,	do. do. Massachusetts.....		120 00	252
"	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....		89 25	253
"	do. do. Kentucky.....		108 00	254
" 22,	do. do. Michigan.....		86 00	255
" 23,	Michigan Camp., No. 1, Michigan.....		6 00	256
"	Marshall Camp., No. 2, do.....		6 00	"
" 26,	Grand Camp. of Connecticut.....		90 00	257
"	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....		160 00	258
" 30,	Wilkey Camp., Missouri.....		6 00	260
"	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....		104 38	"
"	do. do. South Carolina.....		80 00	261

Statement continued.

DATE.	LOGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. June 30,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	Books.	\$159 00	268
"	D. D. Grand Sire MacRae, of N. C.....		5 00	265
"	Grand Camp. of S. Carolina.....		36 00	268
"	Marley Camp., Alexandria.....		6 00	271
"	Columbian Camp., Washington.....		6 00	"
"	Mount Pisgah Camp, Georgetown.....		6 00	"
"	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....		27 00	272
"	D. D. Grand Sire Kellogg, of Michigan.....		10 00	273
"	Grand Camp. Kentucky.....		30 00	275
"	Grand Lodge of New York.....		953 62	278
"	Grand Camp. of New York.....		304 38	279
"	Wilkey Camp. Mississippi.....		6 00	280
"	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....		41 00	289
"	Hochelaga Camp., Canada.....		6 00	292
Total for Books.....			\$4788 40	
1845. Sept. 15,	Wm. Hilliard, Agent.....	Diplomas.	\$30 00	177
"	19, Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.....		3 50	186
1846. May 7,	do. do. Alabama.....		75 00	238
"	do. do. Tennessee.....		81 00	239
"	18, do. do. Maine.....		56 25	242
"	27, do. do. Mississippi.....		37 50	247
June 30,	do. do. Pennsylvania.....		50 00	253
"	do. do. Maryland.....		18 75	263
"	do. do. Rhode Island.....		75 00	293
Total for Diplomas.....			\$427 00	
1845. Sept. 16,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	Cards.	\$75 00	179
"	Columbian Camp., District of Columbia.....		7 51	186
Oct. 20,	Grand Lodge of N. C.....		21 87	188
Nov. 18,	do. do. Texas.....		4 38	189
"	20, Miners' Lodge, Iowa.....		7 00	190
1846. Feb. 14,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....		7 81	203
"	24, Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vermont.....		6 00	208
March 18,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....		20 00	217
April 18,	do. do. Massachusetts.....		230 45	230
May 7,	D. D. G. Sire Wylie Williams, Georgia.....		7 00	237
"	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....		50 00	238
"	do. do. Tennessee.....		62 75	239
"	19, do. do. Maine.....		136 25	242
"	22, Grand Camp. of Maryland.....		9 00	245
June 30,	do. do. Pennsylvania.....		40 00	248
"	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....		500 00	253
"	do. do. Kentucky.....		50 00	254
"	22, do. do. Michigan.....		68 75	255
"	23, Marshall Camp., Michigan.....		50 25	256
"	24, Grand Camp. of Connecticut.....		85 00	257
"	30, Grand Lodge of S. Carolina.....		11 53	261
"	do. do. Maryland.....		54 75	263
"	Grand Camp. of S. Carolina.....		10 38	264
"	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....		30 00	272
"	D. D. G. Sire Kellogg, Michigan.....		3 00	273
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....		\$245 23	276
"	do. do. Louisiana.....		42 75	289
Total for Cards.....			\$1740 21	

Statement continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1845. Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....1845	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	182
“ “	do. do. Delaware..... “	“	20 00	183
“ “	Grand Camp. of Ohio..... “	“	20 00	184
Oct. 30,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina..... “	“	20 00	185
1846. April 15,	do. do. Massachusetts.....1846	“	40 00	236
May 7,	do. do. Tennessee.....1844	“	20 00	239
“ 18,	do. do. Maine.....1846	“	40 00	242
“ 22,	Grand Camp. of Maryland..... “	“	20 00	245
June 11,	do. do. Pennsylvania..... “	“	40 00	248
“ 15,	Grand Lodge of Virginia..... “	“	40 00	251
“ 20,	do. do. Pennsylvania..... “	“	40 00	253
“ “	do. do. Kentucky..... “	“	20 00	254
“ 22,	do. do. Michigan..... “	“	20 00	255
“ 26,	Grand Camp. of Connecticut..... “	“	20 00	257
“ “	Grand Lodge of New Jersey..... “	“	40 00	258
“ 30,	do. do. Missouri..... “	“	20 00	260
“ “	do. do. South Carolina..... “	“	40 00	261
“ “	do. do. Maryland..... “	“	40 00	263
“ “	Grand Camp. of South Carolina..... “	“	20 00	268
“ “	Grand Lodge of Mississippi..... “	“	20 00	272
“ “	Grand Camp. of Kentucky..... “	“	20 00	275
“ “	Grand Lodge of Ohio..... “	“	40 00	276
“ “	Grand Camp. of New York..... “	“	40 00	279
“ “	Grand Lodge of Alabama..... “	“	20 00	285
“ “	do. do. Louisiana..... “	“	20 00	289
“ “	do. do. Rhode Island..... “	“	20 00	293
Total for Rep. Tax.....			\$720 00	
1846. Mar'h 5,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	Bal. of '45.	\$162 50	211
Aug. 4,	do. do. Mississippi.....	“	27 00	272
“ “	do. do. Louisiana.....	“	23 38	289
“ “	Covenant.....	“	63 00	297
			\$275 88	
Total Balance.....			\$10,747 46	

Supplementary Statement showing the receipts of the Corresponding Secretary at the termination of fiscal year, June 30th.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. Sept. 19,	Justitia Lodge, No. 14, Wisconsin.....	Dispens'n.	\$30 00	299
“ 21,	Wantastiquet, No. 5, Vermont.....	“	30 00	304
Total for Dispensations.....			\$60 00	
Sept. 21,	St. Louis Camp. Canada.....	Dues.	\$18 00	305
“ “	Campbell Camp.....	“	21 11	317
Total for dues.....			\$39 11	
Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....1846	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	300
“ “	do. do. Connecticut..... “	“	40 00	297

Supplementary Statement continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846, Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	301
"	do. do. Indiana.....		20 00	302
"	do. do. New Hampshire.....		40 00	305
"	Grand Camp. of do.....		20 00	306
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....		20 00	307
"	Grand Camp. of Massachusetts.....		40 00	308
"	" Lodge of Canada		40 00	309
"	" " " 1845		20 00	309
"	" Camp., Virginia.....		20 00	310
"	" Lodge, N. C.		20 00	313
"	" " New York.....		40 00	314
"	" Camp., Ohio.....		20 00	315
"	" Lodge, Tennessee.....		20 00	316
Total for Representative Tax.....			\$400 00	
Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	Cards.	\$35 00	300
"	" Camp. of New Jersey.....		35 00	298
"	" Lodge of Indiana.....		75 00	302
"	" " New Hampshire.....		50 00	305
"	" Camp. do.		15 00	306
" 21,	" Lodge, Canada.....		36 39	309
"	" " New Jersey.....		185 50	311
"	" " North Carolina....		30 00	313
"	" " New York.....		934 38	314
"	" Camp. of Ohio.....		75 00	315
Total for Cards.....			\$1471 57	
Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	Books.	\$213 50	302
"	" " New Hampshire.....		87 00	305
" 21,	" Camp. of New Hampshire.....		22 00	306
"	" Lodge of Canada.....		136 00	309
"	" " New Jersey.....		50 00	311
"	" Camp., Ohio.....		150 00	315
"	Campbell Camp., N. C.....		4 00	317
"	Moshassock do., R. I.....		6 00	318
"	Narraganset do.....		6 00	318
Total for Books.....			\$674 50	
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	Diplomas.	\$61 50	302
"	Grand Secretary of Massachusetts.....		50 00	312
"	do. do. New Jersey.....		37 00	311
Total for Diplomas.....			\$148 50	
Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	Balance.	\$84 00	305
"	" Camp., Ohio.....		21 87	315
Total Balance.....			\$105 87	
Total Amount.....			\$13,647 01	

The Revenue of the current year has been unusually large, owing in a great measure to the extraordinary receipts arising from the sale of books. This must not be considered as any guide as to the

future revenue of the Grand Lodge. The circumstances have been special from which these large receipts have proceeded, and will not in all probability occur again for many years. At the last session appropriations were made for the extinguishment of the debt of the Grand Lodge, as recommended by the Committee on Finance. The cash balance in the treasury directed to be applied to the payment of the then entire outstanding debt of this body consisting of \$3,487 47 has been so employed, except in regard to the item of \$1000, being the special loan from Marion Lodge of N. York; this sum remains unpaid from the fact that notwithstanding notice was given to that Lodge, early after the adjournment, of the readiness of the Treasurer to make the payment, no application for the fund has been received. It still remains subject to the order of the Lodge. In addition to the payments directed at the last session, all the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, including rent, officers' salaries, stationary, postage, &c., have been promptly paid as they respectively matured; also the expense of printing and binding the entire edition ordered of the revised work, the cost of printing seventy-four thousand cards, paper, the necessary alteration of the Diploma plate as required by law, and the printing of one thousand copies of the same, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 14th day of September, 1846, of \$6,180 08, which, together with the further receipts of the session, and the outstanding debts due by subordinates, as appear by the statements accompanying this report, will constitute, subject to the expenses incident to your present session, a large surplus, which it will be your duty, in the exercise of wisdom and discretion, properly to dispose of. The revenue of this Grand Lodge will hereafter fall back to its ordinary channel, and accrue only from the limited sources provided by law. These sources are being diminished as the Order advances. Upon the creation of Grand Lodges and Encampments, the revenue is substantially reduced, and there being now applications pending from Vermont, Iowa and Wisconsin, for Grand Charters, which will doubtless be granted, there will then remain but the single state of Arkansas directly tributary to your Treasury in the form of per centage; charter fees from these points will also cease, and the dependence of the Grand Lodge will be limited to the Encampment branch of the Order, which will soon, from the same cause, become exhausted. Under these circumstances, the only revenue to be considered certain and permanent is the Rep. Tax and the proceeds of sales of Books, Diplomas and Cards, of which but few will be sold, comparatively speaking. It will therefore be unwise, in the opinion of the undersigned, to disturb the existing revenue laws of the Grand Lodge. From a review of the field now occupied by our beloved Order, it will be seen that our labors have been crowned with a most abundant yield. Profound harmony prevails throughout our widely extended jurisdiction, now comprehending the whole of North America, counting a constituency of ninety thousand souls. The revered principles of the Order are beautifully illustrated in the spirit of brotherhood which every where prevails, and the great moral influence which is

being reflected from our Lodge rooms, is felt and acknowledged. We have done much for our fellow beings, and for society at large; much yet remains to be done. A vast amount of talent, wealth, and energy is concentrated in the extended family of Odd-Fellows; we, therefore, combine, perhaps to a greater extent than any other similar institution, all the elements of power necessary to the accomplishment of great good among men. May the Great Architect of the universe, who has thus far blessed our cause, continue to smile upon our labors, and direct in wisdom our further efforts in behalf of humanity.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. & R. Secretary.

Documents accompanying Report of Grand Corresponding Secretary.

(Doc. A.)

Dues by State Grand Lodges to Grand Lodge of the United States.

Maryland,	Books,	\$22 00	
	Cards,	50 00	
			\$72 00
Massachusetts,	Books,	15 00	
	Cards,	115 00	
			130 00
New York,	Diplomas,	150 00	
	Books,	48 38	
			198 38
Pennsylvania,	Books,	80 00	80 00
District of Columbia,	Diplomas,	9 00	
	Books,	70 50	
	Representative Tax, 1846,	40 00	
			119 50
Delaware,	Balance of '45,	77 12½	
	Books,	33 50	
	Representative Tax, 1846,	20 00	
			130 62
Louisiana,	Balance,	7 75	7 75
Ohio,	Balance of '45,	174 46	
	Cards,	37 00	
			211 46
New Jersey,	Diplomas,	9 00	9 00
Kentucky,	Books,	40 50	
	Cards,	50 00	
			90 50
Virginia,	Balance of '45,	129 26	
	Books,	160 00	
	Cards,	75 00	
			364 26
Indiana,	Diplomas,	13 50	13 50
Illinois,	Books,	63 50	
	Cards,	40 00	
	Representative Tax, 1846,	20 00	
			123 50
Connecticut,	Cards,	60 00	60 00
Texas,	Balance of '45,	80 00	
	Books,	16 00	
	Cards,	25 00	
	Representative Tax, 1846,	20 00	
			141 00

Tennessee,.....	Books,.....	183 00	
	Cards,.....	71 25	
		<hr/>	204 25
South Carolina,.....	Balance,.....	8 47	8 47
Maine,.....	Books,.....	25 00	25 00
Canada,.....	Books,.....	18 00	
	Cards,.....	68 00	
		<hr/>	86 00
Georgia,.....	Balance,.....	68 13	
	Books,.....	60 00	
	Cards,.....	20 00	
		<hr/>	148 13
			<hr/> \$2,223 32

(Doc. B.)

Due by Grand Encampments to Grand Lodge of the United States.

Maryland,.....	Books,.....	\$6 00	\$6 00
Pennsylvania,.....	Books,.....	60 00	60 00
Kentucky,.....	Balance of ac., 1846,.....	53 87	53 87
New Jersey,.....	Balance of '45,.....	23 00	
	Cards,.....	41 25	
	Books,.....	37 00	
	Representative Tax, 1846,...	20 00	
		<hr/>	121 25
Virginia,.....	Balance of '45,.....	15 63	
	Cards,.....	13 75	
	Books,.....	72 00	
		<hr/>	101 38
South Carolina,.....	Balance of '45,.....	14 00	
	Cards,.....	2 50	
		<hr/>	17 50
Massachusetts,.....	Books,.....	66 00	66 00
Maine,.....	Cards,.....	15 00	
	Books,.....	72 00	
	Representative Tax,.....	20 00	
		<hr/>	107 00
New Hampshire,.....	Books,.....	20 00	20 00
District of Columbia,.....	Books,.....	24 00	
	Representative Tax,.....	20 00	
		<hr/>	44 00
Missouri,.....	Representative Tax,.....	20 00	20 00
		<hr/>	\$617 00

(Doc. C.)

Amount due by Grand Lodge of the United States, Sept. 20, 1846.

Special Loan, Marion Lodge, New York,.....\$1000

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires, report—

That they recommend that the same be printed, and appended to the proceedings of this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the Cor. Secretary's Annual Report was referred to a committee of three for the purpose of distributing the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees. The chair named Reps. Griffin, of Ga., Marshall, Ky., and Ellison, of Mass., as the committee.

Rep. Parmenter, from the committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. Parker, of N. H., in relation to the change of the name of this body, respectfully report—

That this body having been incorporated by the State of Maryland, and as by the act of the Legislature of said State, all its legal powers are involved in the name, style, and title which it now bears, any alteration thereof would not only be highly improper, but might be greatly disastrous to the interests and rights of this body.

The committee, therefore, report that legislation on the subject of the resolution is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parmenter, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain resolutions relating to the extension of terms of official service, report:

That in regard to the subject-matter of the resolutions proposing to extend the terms of official service in Subordinate Lodges, your committee are of the opinion that the Order generally has manifested discontent with the present limited terms. The attention of the Grand Lodge has heretofore been called to this subject, and there is now upon the table a resolution offered in obedience to instructions from a State Grand Lodge, which if adopted, would establish six months as the duration of official terms of Subordinates. Your committee believe that a longer term of office than at present is allowed, will secure to the Order the benefit of riper experience, more extensive knowledge of the affairs of the Order, and better judgment in their administration, on the part of incumbents of office. It is also deemed important that the commencement and termination of official terms should be uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Body. Your committee, therefore, trusting to the impression that the members of the Grand Lodge have satisfied themselves as to the expediency of the changes proposed, submit resolutions to meet these, without further argument.

Upon the resolution recommending the extension of the official

term of the M. W. Grand Sire, your committee do not readily discover that the alteration suggested, is equally important with the case already considered. The present term of two years is a serious burden upon the presiding officer, and the change of the chief Executive is not now so frequent as to effect the Order unfavorably. If it be desirable to continue in office an occupant of the Grand Sire's chair, it can better be done by his re-election, than by a prolongation of the term. Your committee therefore report that it is inexpedient to legislate upon this subject.

Your committee are, however, fully convinced that some change should be made in the term of service of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that a course should be fixed upon to prevent the possibility of an entire change from year to year in those who constitute this body. It is essential to the prompt and accurate transaction of business, that a certain number of members who have served at least one year previously should be present at each session of the Grand Lodge, and, with the intention of securing this object, your committee submit a proposed amendment to the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH

Resolved, That from and after the first day of December, 1846, the terms of Subordinate Lodges shall be for the period of six months.

Resolved, That the said terms shall commence on the first Monday of June and first Monday of December of each year.

Resolved, That the following lie on the table as a proposed amendment to the Constitution:—That Article Xth of the Constitution be amended as follows:—after the words "received the R. P. Degree," add "they shall have been elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent for the term of two years from the commencement of the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, preceding which they shall have been so elected or appointed. *Provided*, that at the first annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States following the election of Representatives in pursuance of this amendment of the Constitution, the Representatives of every Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment entitled to two Representatives shall be divided into two classes, of which one class shall hold office for the term of one year, and the other class for the term of two years; and that the Representatives of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to one Representative shall in like manner be divided into two classes, said classes to be as nearly as may be equally divided, and to be determined by lot in the Grand Lodge of the United States."

The clause beginning with "they must have been elected" and ending with "Encampment they represent" be struck out.

And in the Certificate, all after the words "Grand Lodge of the United States" and preceding "Witness our hands," &c., be struck out.

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., that the Grand Lodge consider the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee seriatim,

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to postpone the motion of Rep. Miller until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., which was passed in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to lay the subject on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., to consider the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee seriatim, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee, pending the motion to adopt the same

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., called for the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin (2 votes,) Bayley, Day, Drew, Dunkin, Ellison, Garvin, Glenn, Greenwood, Griffin, Hoit, Judson, Kellogg, Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Marley, Miller, Morris (2 votes,) Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parker, Parmenter, Reid, Ropes, Seafoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Thompson, Veitch, Weld, Wells, White, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Hopkins—42.

NAYS.—Reps. Beardsley, Cooke, Desaussure, Fosdick, Gilley, Hough, McNairy, Marshall, Moore, Salomon, Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Whitney—16.

On motion, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., submitted the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, which was referred to the committee on Constitutions.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Sept. 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

Prayer by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary with the accompanying documents, with instructions to distribute the subjects therein

contained among appropriate committees, report and recommend that the following reference be made, to wit:

1. To a Special Committee of three, so much of the report as relates to a numerical registry and the failure of several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to comply with the law on that subject.

2. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the Grand Secretary of Mass., as agent for the sale of Diplomas.

3. To a Special Committee of three, so much as relates to visiting and clearance cards, and the signature of the Grand Secretary thereto.

4. To a Special Committee of three, so much as relates to the resolution passed at the last communication, ordering the preparation of diagrams, &c., illustrative of the work of the Order.

5. To a Special Committee of three, so much as relates to the copies of the old charge books, now in the custody of D. D. G. Sires.

6. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the bonds of D. D. G. Sires.

7. To the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as refers to our foreign relations.

8. To the Special Committee on the Memorials from Canada, so much as relates to that Province.

9. To the Committee on Correspondence, so much as relates to the correspondence of the Grand Secretary during the past year.

10. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the defalcation of the former D. D. G. Sire for Maine.

11. To the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as relates to the compilation of a uniform code of laws, &c.

12. To the Committee on Constitutions, so much as relates to the Constitutions, Journals, &c., of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

13. To the Committee on Petitions, so much as relates to the dispensations issued during the past year.

14. To the Special Committee already in charge of the subject, so much as relates to the office of D. D. G. Sire.

15. To the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as relates to the unauthorised printing of the work of the Order.

16. To the Committee on Returns, so much as relates to the returns from State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, &c., and the delay in the transmission thereof.

17. To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the receipts and dues.

18. To the Committee on Finance, the accompanying report of the Grand Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. ELLISON.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., presented the Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of that State, which was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The chair announced the following Special Committees as provided by the report of the committee directing the distribution of the various subjects referred to in the Grand Secretary's report:

Committee on Num. Registry.—Reps. Garvin, of Ga.; Morris, of Pa., and Hough, of D. of C.

Committee on Cards and Signature of Grand Secretary.—Reps. Patterson, of Pa.; Reed, of Va., and Greenwood, of Conn.

Committee on Preparation of Diagrams, &c.—Reps. Stokes, of Pa.; Wells, of N. H., and Ellison, of Mass.

Committee on old Charge Books, &c.—Reps. Veitch, of Mo.; Page, of N. J., and McNairy, of Tenn.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be instructed to make a report to this Grand Lodge, defining the position and privileges of a member of the Order, under penalty pending an appeal to this body;

and thereon report:

That an appeal to this body gives to the member of the Order, under penalty, who is interested therein, no additional privileges and no different position from those he enjoys and occupies under the laws of his State Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Patterson, of Pa., called up for consideration the amendment to the 24th article of the By-Laws, proposed by him, upon the subject of the form of prayer used in the Order, which, on his motion, was referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Rep. MacRae, of N. C., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. MacRae, of N. C., beg leave to report the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

ALEX. MACRAE,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Resolved, That when an Odd-Fellow applies for, and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, that the amount of benefit granted shall be endorsed upon his card, and that the Lodge to which he belongs be notified by the Secretary of the Lodge granting the benefit, of the amount so granted.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Patterson, of Pa., who voted in the affirmative upon the motion to adopt the report of the committee on the subject of endorsing the relief granted

on the card of the recipient, to reconsider the same, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report whether or not a State Grand Lodge can reinstate a suspended or expelled brother without the consent of the Subordinate Lodge of which he was a member, provided he be charged with violating any known law of the Order.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., proposed the following amendments to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Add after the word "Lodge," in the 5th line of the new By-Law, on page 664 of the Journal of 1844, the words "and the C. P. and S. W. of an Encampment," and after the word "Master," in the 7th line, the words "and Grand Patriarch," and in the same line strike out "us," and insert "their," and change the word "deputy" into "deputies."

Strike out the words "other than honorary" in article 15 of the By-Laws.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Rep. Miller, of Conn., in relation to certificates of representatives, on page 866.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved to amend the first resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

And should any informality appear on the face of said certificate, the Grand Secretary shall return the same to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge for correction.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., moved further to amend the resolution as follows, which was also agreed to:

After the words "Grand Lodges and Grand Scribes of Grand Encampments."

Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out 2d resolution, and insert—

Resolved, That hereafter Article X of the Constitution be strictly enforced.

Pending the consideration of this amendment:

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was passed in the affirmative.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the application for a Charter for the Grand Encampment of Missouri,*to be located at St. Louis, and for which a dispensation has been issued according to law during the recess of this body. Your committee recommend that this act of the Grand Officers be confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

**Grand Encampment of Missouri.*—The institution of this body took place on the 25th of Feb., when the following officers were installed:—Girard B. Allen, G. Patriarch; E. F. Macdonough, G. H. Priest; W. C. Corley, G. S. Warden; James Johnson, G. Scribe; E. H. Shephard, G. Trustee; Theodore Betts, G. J. Warden.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have examined cases of application for Subordinate Lodges, made to the Grand Officers during the late recess, as follows:

For Telulah Lodge, - - - -	No 2, Helena, Arkansas.
" Windsor Lodge, - - - -	" 4, Windsor, Vermont.
" White River Lodge, - - - -	" 4, Bethel, "
" Wantastequet, - - - -	" 5, Battleboro, "
" Kneeland, - - - -	" 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
" Lilly of the Mount, - - - -	" 6, Platteville, "
" Southport, - - - -	" 7, Southport, "
" Racine, - - - -	" 8, Racine, "
" Olive Branch, - - - -	" 9, Delavin, "
" E-NE-WE. Shin-E-Grass	" 10, Beloit, "
" Burlington, - - - -	" 11, Burlington, "
" Sheboygan, - - - -	" 12, Sheboygan, "
" Muscatine Lodge, - - - -	" 5, Bloomington, Iowa.
" Kosciusko, - - - -	" 6, Iowa city, "

In all the above cases dispensations have been duly issued, and your committee recommend that they be confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have also examined applications for Subordinate Encampments, made to the Grand Officers during the late recess, as follows:

For Magenenu Camp, - - -	No. 4, Washington City, D. C.
" Allen, - - - -	" 4, Quincy, Illinois.
" Lead Mine, - - - -	" 5, Galena, "
" Neilson, - - - -	" 6, Belleville, "
" Milwaukee, - - - -	" 1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
" Calumet, - - - -	" 3, Newbern, N. C.
" Hobah, - - - -	" 3, New Orleans, La.
" Winooski, - - - -	" 1, Montpelier, Vermont.
" Olive Branch, - - - -	" 4, Nashville, Tenn.
" Jackson, - - - -	" 5, Franklin, "
" Palestine, - - - -	" 3, Newport, R. I.
" Royal Mount, - - - -	" 3, Montreal, Canada.
" St. Louis, - - - -	" 4, Quebec, "
" - - - -	" 1, Jacksonville, Florida.
" Paw-Wah-Ting, - - - -	" 3, Niles, Michigan.
" Lenawee, - - - -	" 4, Adrian, "
" Wildey, - - - -	" 5, Jackson, "
" Samaritan, - - - -	" 6, Kalamazoo, "
" Flint, - - - -	" 6, Albany, Georgia.

In all these cases dispensations have been issued in conformity with law, and your committee recommend their confirmation.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, submitted a report on the application for a Grand Encampment of Michigan, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., to recommit the report to the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wood, of R. I., beg leave to report that the issuing of Circulars, by Subordinate Lodges, applying for pecuniary aid, has of late become very prevalent, being, for any thing that appears on the face of them, put forth by unauthorised individuals, and in order to prevent imposition it is necessary something should be done, and they think the resolution offered will have that effect. They, therefore, recommend that the resolution, as it stands on page 860, be adopted, and that the following be the form of Circular to be issued by Grand Masters.

JAMES WOOD,
W. G. DESAUSSURE,
F. O. WADSWORTH.

I. O. O. F.—CIRCULAR.

WHEREAS ——— Lodge, No. —, of the state (or territory) of ———, is under the necessity of appealing to her sister Lodges for pecuniary aid, in consequence of ———.

The Grand Lodge of ——— recommend to her Subordinate Lodges to contribute to the aid of said Lodge.

Signed, ———, G. M.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions offered by Rep. Salomon, of Ala., and the proposed amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws of this R. W. Body, offered by Rep. Patterson, of Pa., beg leave respectfully to report:

That, after due consideration of the subject, they are clearly of opinion that the practice of prayer as at present observed by various Lodges in the Order, is inconsistent with the principles of Odd-Fellowship, deficient in its form and direction, and loudly calls for the establishment of some general plan which shall govern the Order on this important subject.

They therefore respectfully offer as an amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws, the following as a substitute:

"All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under unreclaimed warrants granted by this Grand Lodge, shall be authorised to open and close the regular sessions by prayer. And all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, working under unreclaimed warrants granted by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to whom they are Subordinate, may open and close with prayer, permission from their Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment being first had and obtained.

"Sec. 2. When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall determine to open and close their meetings with prayer, the following shall be the forms of prayer used on such occasions:

Opening of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Almighty God! Father of all mercies, in whom we live and move and have our being, and from whom descendeth every good and perfect gift, accept our hearty thanks for the privileges of the present assembly, for the guardian care thou hast exercised over our beloved Order, and for all the mercies thou hast so graciously bestowed upon us collectively and individually. Continue those mercies, we beseech thee, to this present convocation—preside over our deliberations—direct us in all our doings, and may our labors, begun, continued, and ended, redound to the peace and well being of our fellow man.

We beseech thee, our Heavenly Father, to protect the widow and the orphan, the suffering, the distressed, and the forsaken—and so guide those who unite upon the broad platform of our friendly Order to the continued practice of the great duties it inculcates, until released from the labors of love below, we may be brought to the fruition of love on high, to the praise and glory of thy Holy name.—Amen.

Prayer for Closing a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Almighty God! our Heavenly Father, accept our hearty thanks for the peace and harmony which has distinguished our present convocation. Let thy blessing rest upon our labors, and continue to us thy Fatherly protection and care; and now that we go forth into the world from this retreat of friendship, may we carry with us the blessed influence of our principles, to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and protect the orphan and the widow, and to bind man and man into holy brotherhood, all to the praise of thy Holy name.—Amen.

Sec. 3. When permission shall be given by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to their Subordinates to open or close with prayer, the following shall be the form used on such occasions:

Form of Prayer for Opening Subordinate Lodges.

Thou King Eternal! Immortal and Invisible, the only wise God and our Saviour! Thou art the Sovereign of universal nature—the only true object of our best and holiest affections—we render thee hearty thanks for that kind Providence which has preserved us during the past week, protecting us from the perils and dangers of this life,

and now permits us to assemble in thy name for the transaction of business.

We humbly beseech thee, our Heavenly Father, to preside over our assembly—breathe into our hearts the spirit of love and of a sound mind, and may each, may all be governed by an anxious desire to advance thy glory and meliorate the condition of man's wretchedness.

Let thy blessing rest upon our Order, upon all the Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, belonging to our entire family of brothers. Let Friendship, Love, and Truth prevail until the last tear of distress be wiped away, and the Lodge below be absolved by the glory and grandeur of the Grand Lodge above. This we ask in humble dependence upon, and in the most solemn adoration of thy one mysterious and glorious name.—Amen.

Form of Closing a Subordinate Lodge.

Almighty Father! Dismiss us, we implore thee, with thy blessing; let all that we have done upon this occasion meet acceptance and favor in thy sight, and may we still continue through thy aid and assistance to increase the usefulness of our Institution to ourselves and to all mankind.—Amen.

SEC. 4. When prayer may be used at any public celebration or assemblage of Odd-Fellows, the same spirit as observed in the foregoing shall be strictly followed by the officiating clergyman or chaplain. All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. SALOMON,
H. HOPKINS,
ARCHER ROPES.

On motion to accept the report, Rep. Drew, of Mass., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge accept the report of the committee," which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Baldwin, Day, Desaussure, Dunkin, Egan, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin, Kellogg, Kneass, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Patterson, Ropes, Salomon, Searfoss, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Weld, White, Whitney, Wood, P. G. S. Hopkins—32.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Beardsley, Cooke, Drew, Ellison, Fosdick, Garvin, Greenwood, Hoit, Hough, Judson, Marshall, Miller, Parker, Parmenter, Reid, Robinson, Seymour, Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Wells—22.

Rep. Cooke, of Va., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. G. Sire, as relates to the powers of the D. D. G. Sires, respectfully report—

That the powers and authority of District Deputy Grand Sires are *expressly defined* and *limited* by the 18th Article of the General Laws, as amended at the session of 1845, that these officers cannot lawfully exercise any powers not specifically conferred upon them by the said article, and are merely the agents of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.

Your committee believe that the appointment of D. D. G. Sires in those states, districts, or territories, in which Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments exist, is unnecessary, and do therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

M. COOKE,
I. P. GARVIN,
J. D. STEWART.

Resolved, That the 18th Article of the General Laws be amended by adding after the word "Territory," in the 2d line, the words "in which there are not a Grand Lodge and a Grand Encampment."

On motion, the report was accepted, and the proposed amendment to the 18th article of the By-Laws ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of certain Past Grands of the state of New York, and the memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of that state, in relation to a proposed change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that state, have considered the subject, and report:

That they are of the opinion that the Appeal cannot be entertained by this body, for the following reasons—

1st. Because the consent of the Grand Lodge of the state required by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge in all cases of appeal from the decisions of the State Grand Bodies, does not appear to have been obtained.

2d. Because the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge do not recognise the right of any individual or number of individuals to appeal to this body from any decision made by the State Grand Lodges.

3d. Because this Grand Lodge, by repeated decisions at its last annual session, refused to grant any such privilege, either with or without the consent of the State Grand Lodges.

The Committee therefore recommend, that the appellants have leave to withdraw their appeal.

The Committee have also had under consideration the memorial of the Grand Lodge of New York, having reference to the subject of the before mentioned appeal, in respect to which, they report:

That it does not seem to your Committee to contain any thing upon which action is required by this body.

So far as the action of the Grand Lodge of that State in reference to a proposed change in its Constitution is concerned, the Committee are not able to perceive that any thing has yet been done requiring the interference of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Constitution, when adopted, will require the ratification of this Grand Lodge before it will become the organic law of that jurisdiction. When it comes before this body, it may be proper, if deemed expedient, to institute any enquiry touching the legality or illegality of the manner adopted in its enactment.

The Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

On motion to adopt the report,

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge accept and adopt the report of the Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Cooke, Desausure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Greenwood, Hoit, Judson (2 votes,) Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Moore, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parker (2 votes,) Patterson, Reid, Robinson, Salomon, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Thomas, Thompson, White, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Hopkins—39.

NAYS.—Reps. Day, Dunkin, Garvin, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin, McNairy, Marley, Marshall, Parmenter, Ropes, Taylor of Ia., Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Whitney—18.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., proposed the following as an additional Rule of Order, which was adopted:

Rule of Order, No. 35.—No matter shall be considered at each morning session of the Grand Lodge until all reports of committees are gone through with; and the Grand Sire shall call for the reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., proposed to amend the Rules of Order as follows:

Add to 3d Rule of Order: "And in case the seat of any Representative shall be contested or objected to by reason of the irregularity of his election, the informality of his certificate, or from any other cause whatsoever, this Grand Lodge shall have the exclusive right of determining the question, and of deciding at all times upon the qualification of its own members."

The chair, P. G. S. Hopkins presiding, decided the proposition to be out of order, as in conflict with the qualifications of members defined in the Xth Article of the Constitution, from which decision Rep. Thompson, of Mass., appealed, and the question being: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Taylor, of Ia., offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was indefinitely postponed:

Whereas the language of the "final cards," as established by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, is deemed to be of doubtful import, and, as it is feared, a difference of practice will grow up among the Subordinate Lodges—some, perhaps, refusing to admit any one whose card has run for one year or more, except upon the payment of the full initiation fee, while others may be governed entirely by their own discretion: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to report some explanatory enactment on the subject, which shall secure uniformity throughout this jurisdiction.

Rep. Patterson, of Pa., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the signature of cards, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

HENRY S. PATTERSON,
R. W. REID,
JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby sanctions the course adopted by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in substituting an engraved *fac simile* for his proper signature upon cards furnished to State Grand Lodges and Encampments

Rep. Weld, of N. J., submitted the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Amend the By-Laws by striking out Article XXIV.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., submitted the following resolutions, which were read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1. *Resolved*, That to acquire or retain membership in an Encampment of Patriarchs, full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is indispensably necessary.

2. *Resolved*, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once his connexion with his Encampment; and that it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to prepare at once, and furnish to said Patriarch a withdrawal card, provided the Patriarch is in good standing.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension or expulsion of any such member.

4. *Resolved*, That where a withdrawal card has been granted to a Patriarch, under the circumstances specified in the second resolution, and the individual holding the card shall afterwards renew his membership in the subordinate branch of the Order, and apply to the Encampment whose card he holds, for readmission, the said Encampment shall be privileged to dispense with the reference of the said application to a committee of investigation, and may proceed at once to ballot; but such ballot must be governed by the same rules as other ballots on applications for admission

5. *Resolved*, That every member of an Encampment who is suspended or expelled by the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, shall forfeit membership in his Encampment, and that his name shall be stricken from the rolls of said Encampment immediately on the receipt of the information of his suspension or expulsion.

6. *Resolved*, That no application for admission into an Encampment shall be received, or in any way entertained, unless accompanied by certificate under the seal of some Subordinate Lodge, that the applicant is a member in good standing in such Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That when a visiting brother shall have proven himself entitled to admission, in the mode pointed out in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 690 of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1844, he shall be introduced to the Lodge by the examining committee.

On motion of Rep. Day, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, now lying on the table, pages 898 and 899.

The first resolution, by general consent, was amended by striking out "December, 1846," and inserting "January, 1847."

The second resolution being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., the resolution was amended by striking out the words "first Monday of June and first Monday of December of each year," and substituting the words "The first meeting in July and the first meeting in January of each year."

Whereupon the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution; on motion indefinitely to postpone the same, it was passed in the negative:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report what alteration, amendment, or abridgment, (if any,) may be made in the work of Subordinate Encampments, which may be conducive to the general good of the Order.

Whereupon the resolution was adopted.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., submitted the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That hereafter all elections for officers in the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction shall be by ballot, in which each Past Grand or Patriarch who may be a member of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment be entitled to one vote.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Mo., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., the memorials of the several Lodges of Alabama in relation to the location of the Grand Lodge of that state, were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in relation to the manner in which the Old Work shall be returned, beg leave to submit the following resolutions, the adoption of which your committee believe will most efficiently carry out the object contemplated:

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
JOHN L. PAGE,
WALTER S. McNAIRY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments shall as soon as practicable, collect from the Subordinates copies of the Old Work, and deliver the same to the D. D. G. Sire of their district.

Resolved, That when the Old Work shall have been thus collected, it shall be by the D. D. G. Sire, in the presence of the Grand Master, totally destroyed, and the joint certificate of the D. D. G. Sire and Grand Master of the fact, shall be forwarded to the Grand C. and R. Secretary, who shall report the same to the next annual communication of this body.

On motion to adopt the report, Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers of Grand Lodges and Encampments be empowered to destroy the *old books* which may not have been returned to the Grand Secretary of the G. L. of the U. S., and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the G. L. of U. S.

Rep. Alsop, of Ill., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when by the action of the law passed regulating the terms of Subordinate Lodges, the last quarter of this year shall contain less than seven weeks, the officers then shall serve through the next term, and when the last quarter contains as many as seven weeks the Officers shall be considered as Past Officers.

Pending this question, on motion to adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the subject was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. MacRae, of N. C., proposed to amend the 20th Rule of Order as follows, which was agreed to:

To Rule 20 add: "And occupying his place at the seat designated for his State."

Rep. Bayley, of Md., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the communication from Washington Lodge, No. 1, Iowa, have had the same under consideration, and find nothing in it requiring the action of this Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

Rep. Smith, of Me., submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1847, the official terms of Subordinate Encampments shall be extended to one year.

On motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was passed in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Hoit, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That a brother of the Order who withdraws from a Lodge for the purpose of joining another Lodge, shall be entitled to all the benefits of, and shall be amenable to, the Lodge from which he has taken his Card of Clearance, until such time as he may be able to connect himself with a new Lodge: *Provided, however*, he shall not have more than one month to connect himself with a new Lodge.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the use of the forms of prayer, so laid down in the Patriarchal Work, be left discretionary with the Subordinate Encampments.

On motion. the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 23, 4 o'clock P. M

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present the M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., submitted the following order, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will entertain no new matter which may be brought before it after the morning session of to-morrow, unless by unanimous consent.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the past official Degrees of this order be, and are hereby, abolished.

On motion to adopt the resolution, Rep. Page, of N. J., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Ellison, of Mass.?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no State, District, Territorial, Grand or Subordinate Lodge has the power to order the printing of any part or parts of the charges, odes, or diplomas that of right belong exclusively to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved to amend, by striking out the word "*Odes*."

On motion of Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., the whole subject was referred to the Committee having the same subject in charge.

Rep. Judson, of Conn., submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved That the Grand Masters of Grand Lodges which hold no session previous to Jan. 1, 1847, shall cause a copy of the law of this Grand Lodge, ex-

tending the term of Subordinates to six months, to be transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges under their several jurisdictions, immediately upon the receipt of the same

Rep. Garvin, of Ga., from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report, which refers to a Registry of the names and dates of the institution of every Lodge and Encampment, with the date of suspension, expulsion, and reinstatement, which he was required to prepare by a resolution passed at the session of the Grand Lodge, held in 1843, beg leave to report—

That the failure of most of the Grand Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, to furnish the Secretary with the necessary data, though repeatedly requested to do so, renders it impossible for him to perform the duty assigned him, and they therefore recommend that the resolution authorising such Registry be repealed.

I. P. GARVIN,
GEO. S. MORRIS,
EDW. S. HOUGH.

Upon motion to adopt the report of the Committee, Rep. Desausure, of S. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was then put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the Report of the Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hough, of D. of C., presented the memorial of various members of Covenant Lodge of the District of Columbia, praying redress in the matter therein referred to.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., remonstrated against the reception of this appeal, on the ground of its informality, in not being sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Rep. Weld, of N. J., to accept the memorial and refer it to a Select Committee,

Rep. Robinson, of Va., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge receive the memorial and refer the same to a Select Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The chair named Reps. Weld, of N. J., Stokes, of Pa. and Judson, of Conn., as the committee.

Rep. Bayley, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Newark Lodge, No. 8, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of

New Jersey, have had the same under consideration, and after a careful investigation of all the evidence submitted, they are unanimous in the opinion, that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, are right and proper and ought to be sustained. They, therefore, offer the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, on the appeal of John M. Shermeir from the decision of Newark Lodge, No. 8, be and they are hereby affirmed.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Petitions?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Smith, (on page 865,) have considered the subject and report—

That the action of the Grand Lodge, heretofore seems to have involved the subject in some doubt, and for the purpose of making the same clear and explicit, the Committee recommend the adoption of a resolution herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the vote of a Subordinate Lodge, granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not. But if the card be taken, the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in such withdrawal card

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., to lay the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

On motion to adopt the report and resolutions of the committee, Rep. Taylor, of Ia., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," and was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order," which was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Seymour, (on page 865,) and also the resolution submitted this morning by Rep. Hoit, have considered the same and report—

That in the opinion of the committee, the adoption of either of said resolutions, would involve a violation of all the laws which have heretofore governed the Order on this subject, and be a dangerous innovation upon the long established usages of the institution.

The committee believe it would be much safer to the general interests of the Lodges to leave the law as it now stands, relying upon the charity and well-known benevolence which now characterize the operations of the Lodges to meet the cases referred to as they arise, not doubting that a devotion to the great principles upon which Odd-Fellowship rests, will secure every protection and all assistance which can reasonably be demanded.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Marley, of Md., from the Committee on Constitutions, made a report, which was read.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved to amend the report, by striking out all that part of the same which recommends striking out the words "over its own subordinates," from the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

On motion of Rep. MacRae, of N. C., the whole subject was re-committed to the committee, with instructions to strike out all that part of it, which directs a change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall delegate the legislative authority vested in it by this Grand Lodge to any other body or bodies whatever.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, seconded by Rep. Parker, of N. H., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

In Article XII of the Constitution strike out \$20, and insert in lieu thereof \$10.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the mode adopted at the Session of 1844 for examining visiting brethren, as that the committee appointed for that purpose shall consist of three, be so far modified as to leave it optional with the several Lodges to appoint such number as they may deem expedient.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish each member and officer of this body, as soon after its adjournment as practicable, with a copy of the daily Journal.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Parker, of N. H., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table

That Article XIV of the Constitution be amended, by inserting after the words "who shall have received the R. P. Degree," or a Past Grand Patriarch, provided he be a Past Grand, and has received the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., to direct the Messenger to reserve a sufficient number of copies of the daily Journal to enable the Corresponding Secretary to transmit the same to the officers and members of the Grand Lodges, in pursuance of the resolution this day adopted, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening, which was resolved in the negative.

The chair announced the following committee, provided for by the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Mo., on page 868: Reps. Veitch, of Mo., Whitney, of Canada, and Watson, of Ky.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 24, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

The Grand Cor. Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Australia, New South Wales, I. O. O. F., which was read.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the rule was suspended in order to allow the reading of the papers, which being read,

On motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., the documents were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in obedience to instructions, report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the G. E. of Virginia be authorised to hold a special meeting at such place and time as it may see fit, to consider the subject of the place selected

as the future location thereof, reporting its decision thereon to this Grand Lodge for its ultimate action.

On motion, the report was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the report of the M. W. G. Sire which relates to his decision upon the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, in respect to the right of Bro. I. D. Williamson to be installed as Grand Master of that body, have considered the subject, and report:

That, in their opinion, the decision of the M. W. G. Sire is correct, and ought to be confirmed. They, therefore, report a resolution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the decision of the M. W. G. Sire, affirming the decision of the Grand Lodge of Alabama against the right of Bro. I. D. Williamson to be installed as Grand Master of that State for the term commencing July, 1845, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the written statement of the Grand Master of South Carolina, and thereon report:

That they do not recommend that the statement be printed. The only question involved seems to be whether or not a Grand Master of a State may, at his pleasure, attend and officiate at an installation of a Subordinate Lodge. Your committee deem it to be one of the duties as well as privileges of the Grand Master of a State, to install, or cause to be installed, the officers of Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee inquire into the propriety of Subordinate Lodges working in the fifth degree:

and thereon report:—That the committee are well aware that the question submitted to them involves considerations more important

than that of proficiency in knowledge of the Order, on the part of those who conduct its business. The usage heretofore prevailing has allowed to initiates an equal voice in the affairs of the subordinate branch of the Order, with those who have attained to the highest degree. The only distinction has been, that reception of degrees is a qualification for office, and allows claim to higher benefits. It is feared that the consequences of this usage have been to diminish the anxiety of members to advance in the degrees of the Order, and of course to hinder the increase of the funds from which our relief expenditure is drawn. The inducements of office, and enlargement of benefits, do not appear to be sufficient to attract the great body of members of the Order to its highest grades. The committee are disposed to urge the adoption of the change, which the resolution submitted to them contemplates, and report a resolution which will establish the change, giving it a prospective operation, in order to afford to Subordinate Lodges an opportunity to make suitable provision.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That from and after the first Monday of July, 1847, all Subordinate Lodges shall transact all business in the fifth degree.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the subject of the Subordinate Lodges working in the fifth degree, the undersigned, with great reluctance, feels himself called upon to differ with his colleagues upon this subject, believing, as I do, and finding myself sustained by the fact that the history of the Order furnishes no evidence of serious injury resulting from this association, which has existed since the establishment of the Order in this country, and has yet to learn that the newly initiated member in the Old World was ever debarred from participating in the meetings of his Lodge without being compelled to take all of his degrees as provided by my colleagues. This, then, is to be a new era in our history, and we are called upon to-day to say to about seventy-five thousand good and worthy members of the Order, who have been enjoying the fellowship of our social fraternity in many cases for years, that unless you come forward and take all of your degrees you shall not assemble in your Lodge room and enjoy the company of those that have been endeared to them by that association, and inculcated by the sublime lectures and charges of our time-honored Order. Believing, therefore, that the change proposed would operate disastrously to the progress and prosperity of our wide-spread fraternity, I have presented to you a few of the vast number of reasons why the proposition of my colleagues should not be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Ropes, of Md., to adopt the minority report, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley (2 votes,) Day, Desaussure, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Glenn, Greenwood, Hough, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Marshall, Miller, Morris Neally, Page, Patterson, Robinson, Ropes, Salomon, Searfoss, Stokes (2 votes,) Taylor, Thomas, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Wells, White, Wood, P. G. S's Kennedy, Hopkins—40.

NAYS.—Reps. Cooke, Drew, Dunkin, Garvin, Gilley, Griffin, Hoit, Judson, Parker, Parmenter, Seymour, Stewart, Thompson, Weld, Whitney, P. G. S. Wildey—16.

Rep. Stokes, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred, from the Grand Sire's report and the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the subject of a Digest of the Laws of the Order, report that they fully concur in the utility of the subject referred to them, and the great importance to the Order at large, that the laws passed by this Grand Lodge, with the decision and instruction upon all matters relative to the usages and customs of the Order which have heretofore been made and given by the different Grand Sires, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, should be collected and printed for the use of the various Lodges and Encampments, and offer the following:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,

WM. R. SMITH

J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be, and he is hereby, authorised to appoint a committee of three from amongst the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to prepare a complete digest, as recited above, and submit them to this Grand Lodge at its next annual session.

Resolved, That a sufficient sum be appropriated to defray the expenses of said committee while in the discharge of that duty, and that they be requested to present a bill for their services, with their work, at the next annual session.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolutions presented by the committee, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the G. C. S. be instructed to revise and analyse the laws and decisions of this body at present in force, and to report to this G. L. at its next session, the result of such revision in the form of a complete Digest of Laws for the Government of the Order, with a suitable Index; and that the Finance Committee be instructed to report to this G. L., with all convenient speed, the amount of appropriation requisite to enable him to perform this duty.

Whereupon the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee were adopted.

Upon motion of P. G. Sire Hopkins, of Pa., the rule was suspended, to enable the committee appointed to prepare and present to P. G. M. James L. Ridgely a suitable gold medal, by virtue of a resolution passed September session, 1844, to report.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, of Pa., from the said committee, made the following report:

BALTIMORE, Sept. 24th, 1846.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of 1844, "with instructions to have prepared, at the most convenient season, a suitable gold medal for presentation to P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, as a feeble tribute of the Order's affectionate regard for him," respectfully report:

That, in the performance of their duty, they have caused to be prepared, for presentation to their respected brother, a gold medal in the form of a splendid Hunting Watch and Chain, which they now deliver to the Grand Sire and members of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of being presented to P. G. M. Ridgely according to the resolution under which they were appointed.

The committee, in the performance, may be considered by some as having unnecessarily delayed the completion of their labors; but although two years have expired since their appointment, yet believing that the eminent services of the meritorious officer to whom the Grand Lodge intended to pay honor, required from the committee, in the performance of their duty, more than ordinary care, and the preparation of a medal which would at the same time manifest the high value this Grand Lodge place on the services of P. G. M. Ridgely, would be to that officer an useful as well as ornamental mark of the approbation in which he is held by the Order. Yet the committee desire they would be excused for not having performed their duty before.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN A. KENNEDY.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., to adopt the report, it was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

On motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, of N. Y., it was resolved that the presentation of the medal be made the special order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and that the chairman of the committee make the presentation.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary record the vote just taken upon the report of the committee, as *unanimous*.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., located at Jackson, Mississippi, asking a remission of all dues from their Encampment, on the ground of lack of promptness on the part of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge in forwarding Installation Books and Charter,

ask leave to report: That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that the allegations set forth in the petition are not sustained. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
HENRY L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., Jackson, Mississippi, have leave to withdraw their petition.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred sundry matters contained in the Report of the Grand Secretary, ask leave to report:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find that, so far as relates to the bond of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as agent for the sale of Diplomas, no action is necessary on the part of this Grand Lodge.

That so far as relates to the dues and receipts of this Grand Lodge, no action is necessary at the present session.

That so far as relates to the defalcation of the late D. D. G. Sire, of Maine, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
HENRY L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to adopt such measures to secure the payment of the claim of this Grand Lodge against the late D. D. G. Sire of Maine, as he may deem expedient.

Rep. Taylor, of Ia., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions accompanying the same?" Upon counting the vote, there being a tie vote, the chair decided the motion passed in the affirmative, and the report adopted.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG
H. L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to adopt such measures as he may deem necessary to secure the payment of a draft signed by S. C. Sewell, drawn on Cashier of the Bank of Montreal, in favor of James L. Ridgely, Grand Secretary, or order, for one hundred thirty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents, which draft has been protested.

Resolved, That hereafter no expense be incurred for publishing circulars in periodicals devoted to Odd-Fellowship, unless specially directed by this Grand Lodge.

Upon motion, the report and resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Miller, of Conn., from the same committee; made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's Report which relates to the investment of the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report: that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
HENRY L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That M. W. Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock, R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be, and they are hereby, authorised and directed to invest the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge in United States Stocks, or Stocks of the States of Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts, or New York, at their discretion: *Provided, however*, that no investment shall be made or continued without the consent of each of the above named officers of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. MacRae, of N. C., to strike out all that part of the report which designates the names of States, in the stocks of which the investment is recommended, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the previous question, which was sustained by a majority of the Lodge. The previous question was then put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Drew, Egan, Fosdick, Gilley, Glenn, Greenwood, Hoit, Hough, Marshall, Miller, Page, Robinson, Searfoss, Thomas, Weld, Wells, Day, White, Whitney, Wood—24.

NAYS.—Reps. Cooke, Desaussure, Ellison, Garvin, Kneass, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Parmenter, Patterson, Reid, Ropes, Salomon, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Taylor, of Ia., Taylor, of S. C., Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) P. G. S's Kennedy, Hopkins—30.

So the report was rejected.

Reps. Dunkin, Griffin, Judson, Parker and P. G. S. Wildey, on leave, were excused from voting on the above proposition.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made

the following report, which was read and ordered, on motion of Rep. Garvin, of Ga., to lie on the table

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and the returns of the following Grand Encampments they find correct, to wit: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York.

New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maine, Connecticut, Ohio, Maryland, South Carolina, and Kentucky, no relief report.

Virginia is deficient in number composing Grand Encampment, and in time of meeting of Subordinates.

Ohio—return made from September to September, instead of time prescribed by law.

South Carolina does not state the counties Subordinates are held in, as prescribed by the law

Kentucky begins and ends her year in April, and the report is dated June 8th, 1846.

Canada—no report.

GRAND LODGES.—Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, and Louisiana—correct.

Indiana—incorrect in not stating details of relief.

Mississippi does not state the number of members of Grand Lodge.

New Jersey reports 3,438 members of Grand Lodge, that being the whole number of contributing members in the state.

Rhode Island commences the fiscal year July 5th.

Ohio—incorrect in not following the form prescribed by law.

Tennessee reports from the 18th of June, 1845, to 18th of June, 1846.

N. Hampshire—no signature of Grand Secretary, and seal omitted.

Kentucky reports from 8th of May, 1845, to 8th of May, 1846.

Virginia reports from 1st of April, 1845, to 1st of April, 1846.

Texas reports from 1st of April, 1845, to 1st of April, 1846.

Canada—no report.

North Carolina commences term 1st of April.

South Carolina in form, with the exception that the names of those suspended for non-payment of dues are unnecessarily given.

Connecticut reports 3,321 members of Grand Lodge, thus making every member of the Order, in this state, a Past Grand and a member of the Lodge.

Illinois commences the year on the 24th of August.

Wales—no report.

Maryland—relief report begins and ends the 15th of January.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—Wisconsin—four quarterly reports of Milwaukee Lodge, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, all correct in every particular, except the report for the quarter commencing on the 1st day of Oct., 1845, and ending 31st Dec., 1845, which is destitute of the signature of the Secretary, and the seal of the Lodge. Four reports

from Miners' Lodge, No. 4, in this territory, are before your committee, one of which is correct in every particular, to wit: the report commencing April 1, 1846, and ending June 30, 1846. The report of said Lodge commencing July 1, 1846, and ending Sept. 30, 1846, is destitute of the names of those initiated, and the report for the quarter commencing Jan. 1, 1846, and ending March 31, 1846, names of those initiated, and of those who have deposited their Cards, omitted. The above Lodge has failed to provide a column for its Past Grands, and has omitted the name of the V. G., which is not attached to either of the reports (except the first one.) Three reports from Rose of the Valley Lodge, No. 3, one commencing Jan. 3, 1846, and ending March 29, 1846, which is informal in having omitted the names of the P. G's, and that it has not the signature of the V. G. to the report. The reports for the other three quarters are incorrect in having omitted the names and number of the P. G's. Report from Kneeland Lodge, No. 5, commencing Jan. 1, 1846, and ending March 31, is informal in omitting the names of the P. G's, and has not the signature of either the N. G. or V. G. There are before your committee two reports from Southport Lodge, No. 6, of this territory, which are correct in every particular, and it gives your committee great pleasure to observe the neatness with which said Lodge has arranged its reports. There are two quarterly reports from Racine Lodge, No. 7, for quarters commencing on the 30th Jan. and 2d of April, which are destitute of the number of P. G's and the time of meeting, and one semi-annual report, commencing Jan. 30, 1846, and ending July 1, 1846, which is correct in every particular, and great care has been taken in the arrangement of the same

Iowa—there are four quarterly reports from Harmony Lodge, No. 2, in this state, in all of which the time of meeting is omitted. Two reports from Keosanqua Lodge, No. 3, in which there is omitted the time of meeting. Three reports from Washington Lodge, No. 1, in this state, for the quarters ending Oct. 1st. 1845, Jan. 1st, 1846, and April 1st, 1846; time of meeting omitted in all of these reports. One report from Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, commencing March 23d, 1846, and ending July 6, 1846, correct in all things. One report from Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, commencing March 10, 1846, and ending June 30, 1846, time of meeting omitted. One report from Lilly of the Mount Lodge, No. 6, commencing April 16, 1846, and ending June 26, 1846; the name of the state and county, and seal of Lodge, and time of meeting omitted.

Florida—Two reports from this state, are from Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, and from Florida Lodge, No. 1, both correct in every particular.

Vermont—Four reports from Vermont Lodge, No. 2, and one from Windsor Lodge, No. 3, both having omitted the time of meeting; six reports from Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, all correct with the exception of the omission of the time of meeting

Arkansas—There are reports from "Far West" Lodge, No. 1, for the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d quarters, and one report for three quarters inclusive, which are different in the time of meetings only.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.—Campbell Encampment, in North Carolina, two reports; St. Louis Encampment, in Canada, No. 4; Wildey Encampment, No. 2, in Indiana; Bethlehem Encampment, No. 3, in Indiana; Wildey Encampment, No. 2, and Choctaw Encampment, No. 3, in Mississippi; Wildey Encampment, No. 1, and Hobah Encampment, No. 3, in Louisiana; report from Mashassuck Encampment, No. 2, and two from Narraganset, No. 1, in Rhode Island; Illinois Encampment, No. 3, in Illinois; two semi-annual reports from Augusta Encampment, Georgia; Churchill Encampment, in Maine; two reports from Delaware Encampment, in Delaware; two reports from Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 1, in Alabama; one report from Border Encampment, No. 8, of Eastport, in Maine, and one report from Rutlan Encampment, in Maine; three reports from Marshall Encampment, No. 2, of Michigan; one report from Paw-wah-ting Encampment, of Niles, Michigan, and two reports from Michigan Encampment, of Detroit, Michigan: two reports from Black Warrior Encampment, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; one report from Hobah Encampment, No. 5, of Saco, Maine, and one from Machigonne Encampment, No. 1, of Portland, Maine; two reports from Bain Encampment, in Murfreesboro', North Carolina; one report from Magnolia Encampment, in Savannah, Georgia; one report from St. Paul Encampment, of Montgomery, Alabama; one report from Illinois Encampment, at Chicago, Illinois; one report from Sagamon Encampment, No. 3, at Augusta, Maine; and one report from Eastern Star Encampment, in the State of Maine, held at Portland; one report from Stewart Encampment, No. 3, of Hannibal, Missouri; one report from Wildey Encampment, at St. Louis, Missouri; one report from Frontier Encampment, of Weston, Missouri; one report from Ridgely Encampment, of Nashville, Tennessee; one report from Pisgah Encampment, of District of Columbia; one report from Columbian Encampment, of District of Columbia; one report from Marley Encampment, of District of Columbia, and one report from Magenenu Encampment, No. 4, of District of Columbia, are all correct in every particular: one report from Louisiana Encampment, held at New Orleans, the seal of the Encampment omitted; report of Sagadahock Encampment, No. 6, has not the name of the town or state in which it is located; two reports from Hochelaga Encampment, No. 1, of the Province of Canada, are informal in not having the name of the High Priest attached; one report from Royal Mount Encampment, No. 3, of the Province of Canada, is correct: the reports from Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, Quochecho Encampment, No. 4, Nashoonow Encampment, No. 1, all of the State of New Hampshire, are correct: the reports from Wonolanset Encampment, No. 2, and Penacoke, No. 3, of the State of New Hampshire, are incorrect

Your committee find that nearly two-thirds of the reports are incorrect, and a large portion of them are not returned to the Grand Secretary in the time prescribed by law. The committee find the law already is explicit upon this subject; and attribute the incorrect returns partly to the carelessness of Grand Officers, and partly to the want of stringent laws by the different Grand Lodges and Encamp-

ments in compelling their subordinates to make their returns. And in order that the different Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments may know who, if any one, is in fault for such incorrect returns, they would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. PARKER,
BEN. B. TAYLOR,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed, as soon as may be after the close of this Grand Lodge, to write to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction whose returns are here reported incorrect, and to state in said letter the substance of said incorrectness.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read, and with the accompanying resolution, concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The former report of the Committee on Finance on the subject of the investment of the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge having been rejected because of its designation of particular stocks from which a selection was to be made, the committee consider themselves informally instructed by the said action of this body to report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. KELLOGG,
H. L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Sire Thos. Sherlock, R. W. Grand C. and R. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be, and they are hereby, authorised and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge the surplus funds thereof, in such manner as they may deem safe and expedient, and that such investment be made as soon as practicable after the present session: *Provided, however*, that no such investment shall be made without the unanimous consent of the above-named officers.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to offer a resolution, which was agreed to, two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, at the Annual Session of this Body, September, 1845, a resolution was adopted in the following words, viz:

“Resolved, That in case any Lodge or Encampment shall have on hand at the time specified in the above resolution, (January 1st, 1846,) cards not signed, that the Grand Secretary, on their delivery at his office, be directed to furnish proper cards in their place.”

And whereas at the time the said resolution was adopted a number of the State Grand Lodges required that all cards issued should be countersigned by their Grand Secretary: And whereas the Grand Secretary of this body does not feel authorised to receive said cards without an express order: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to receive

all cards that may have been countersigned by the Grand Secretaries of any State Grand Lodge previous to January, 1846.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Amos H. Searfoss, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Art. VIII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and that Art. IX be numbered VIII, and so on successively.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., offered the following, which was read:

WHEREAS the charter issued to Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of the State of New York, by the "Loyal Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge, I. O. of O. F., No. 2, of the Liverpool District, England," bearing date November 14, 1822, was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland and of the United States, June 4th, 1823, and a new one received from said body in lieu thereof: And whereas said Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of the State of New York, is desirous to hold and preserve a copy of said charter, and have it framed with the one they now hold from this body: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorised, to prepare a copy of the said charter alluded to in the foregoing preamble, and forward the same to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, to be presented by them to the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of said State of New York, and that the same shall be duly authenticated by the Grand Officers.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, objected to the reception of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, and the resolution of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., as out of order, the rule having been suspended specifically to allow Rep. Egan, of N. Y., to offer one resolution. The chair sustained the objection, and ruled the proposed amendment to the Constitution and resolution of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., out of order.

Rep. Marley, of Md., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the following constitutions of Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges, viz: Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Georgia, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Massachusetts and Missouri: Grand Encampments of the states of Maine and Maryland,—Subordinate Lodges—Kneeland Lodge, No. 5, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Southport Lodge, No. 6, Southport, Wisconsin, beg leave to report—

That upon due examination, they find them all in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and respectfully submit the following resolution:

RICH'D MARLEY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Resolved, That the Constitutions above named be confirmed.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the Committee on Appeals made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of George W. Hopkins, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge

of South Carolina, confirming the expulsion of said Hopkins from DeKalb Lodge, No. 6, have considered the subject, and report:

That, although the sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina was granted to the appeal of Hopkins, the committee are of opinion that it cannot be entertained by this body, for the reason that this body does not recognise the right or privilege of individuals to appeal to it.

The committee have examined all the papers in the case submitted to them, and are not able to discover any evidence that the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was not right in the premises.

The committee report the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

Resolved, That George W. Hopkins have leave to withdraw his appeal.

Rep. Cooke, of Va., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee on Appeals to whom was referred a communication from sundry officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, complaining of illegal and unconstitutional action on the part of the said Grand Lodge and asking the intervention of your Right Worthy Body, beg leave to report: that having had the subject under consideration, they find the following *Facts*:

At a communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, held in December, 1845, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge came up, in due form, for final action, and by a vote of the *members present*, ayes 15, nays 5, declared adopted.

Complaint being made by a member that he had voted misunderstandingly, a reconsideration was had, and, the question recurring upon the amendment, a vote by *Representations* was called for, under Sec. 1, of the 16th Article of the Constitution, in words and figures following, to wit: "Votes shall be by Lodges, or by yeas and nays, and all questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, unless when the Representatives of two Subordinate Lodges require the vote to be taken by Representation, in which case it shall be determined by a majority of Representations of Lodges present. Provided, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by Representations."

The call for such a vote was objected to on the ground that all amendments to the Constitution were properly determinable *only* under the provision of the 18th Article of the Constitution, in the words and figures following, to wit: "This Constitution shall not be altered, amended or annulled, unless proposed at a regular commu-

unication and laid over to the next regular communication and adopted by a majority of two-thirds of the *members present*."

This objection was sustained by the chair, whose decision was overruled by the Grand Lodge upon appeal had, and the vote upon the amendment, taken by *Representations*, stood ayes 4, nays 3.

The chair decided the amendment lost "in consequence of there not being a majority of two-thirds of the Lodges voting in the affirmative."

This decision was appealed from, on the ground "that although it required a majority of two-thirds to effect an alteration of the Constitution when each individual member of the Grand Lodge voted, that a bare majority was sufficient when the vote was taken by Lodges."

This appeal was sustained, and the proposed amendment declared to have been adopted.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of S. C., held March 4, 1846, on the reading of the minutes, the following resolutions were presented and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the minutes be confirmed as a correct history of the events which transpired at the last communication.

2. *Resolved, however*, That this Grand Lodge does not, in confirming the minutes, in any way commit itself for the correctness of the vote by which the acting Grand Master's decision (declaring that a majority of two-thirds on a vote by representation was necessary to change the Constitution) was reversed.

3. *Resolved*, That the decision of the acting Grand Master, at the last Quarterly Communication, in reference to the number of votes necessary to effect a change in the Constitution was strictly right, and that therefore the reversal of his decision was not according to the principles of the Constitution, and, consequently, null and void.

These resolutions were adopted by a vote of Lodges, and the action of the previous Grand Lodge amending the Constitution "thus summarily set aside."

Upon these *facts*, the committee express the *opinions* contained in the following resolutions, of which they recommend the adoption:

WM. BAYLEY,
WM. R. SMITH,
M. COOKE.

1. *Resolved*, That by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, Article XVIII, no amendment thereto can be properly adopted otherwise than "by a majority of two-thirds of the members present."

2. *Resolved*, That the 1st section of Article XVI of said Constitution, providing that votes may be taken by Representations, and shall be determined by the majority of Representations of Lodges present—must be considered as applying only to matters of ordinary legislation, and not as embracing votes on amendments to the Constitution.

3. *Resolved*, That while the said amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was adopted in violation of the provisions thereof, yet that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina at its subsequent session in setting aside, by a simple resolution, the solemn action of a previous session on a constitutional amendment, was irregular, informal and unwarranted by law.

4. *Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge, in the exercise of its authority as the supreme ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the state, district, and territorial Grand Lodges are to be referred for its final and con-

clusive decision, does hereby declare that the whole action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in the premises be and is hereby set aside and declared null and void.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary do transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, a duly certified copy of these proceedings.

On motion of Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., that the report be laid on the table, and be made the special order of the day for 12 o'clock to-morrow morning, the Lodge was equally divided, whereupon the chair, (D. G. Sire Case presiding,) decided the motion to be carried.

Rep. Egan, N. Y., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred various letters, documents, &c., beg leave to report:

That the matter contained in the same has been distributed to appropriate committees for consideration, and in part decided upon. They ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID D. EGAN,
E. B. WHITE,
WALTER S. McNAIRY.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report and accompanying resolutions:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, to be erected into a distinct Sovereignty, with powers independent of this Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report:

That after a full consideration of the subject, with which they were charged, they are of opinion that it would conduce to the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in foreign countries, to relieve Grand Lodges therein located, of that dependence which Grand Lodges within the territorial limits of these United States must of necessity ever feel.

Marked as every nation is by its own peculiar form of government and system of laws and customs, whose influences branching through the entire body of the people living under them, are of course believed to be promotive of, if not necessary to the general interests and indispensable to the pursuit of happiness, it is but reasonable to suppose that a Grand Lodge located in a foreign country would, in matters of local regulation and in the various details of well recognized and established ceremonies, encounter embarrassments calculated to retard its operations, weaken its energies, and ultimately to bring about decay. Differing as nations do, as well in their policy as their institutions, it might be that a distrustfulness of an association like ours would be enkindled within some of them, unless to each there were confided an independent controlling power within

its limits—and although the blessings of our Order are even now to a considerable extent felt beyond the borders of the United States and upon foreign soil, there are already erected many beautiful temples dedicated to the principles of our brotherhood. Yet this success was not easily acquired, and may be ascribed to the indomitable spirit, the unbending determination and unflinching industry of the meritorious brethren who were charged with the pleasing duty of extending our principles, and who toiled on to the bright—the cheering hope—the earnest expectation that the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose object is the wide and effective diffusion of the blessings of our Order, would not forget that object in the contemplation of her present strength and authority: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada are hereby united and erected into a distinct sovereignty by the name and title of "The Grand Lodge of British North America," and with power, in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within British North America, independent of this Grand Lodge, except in the following respects:

1. That the said "The Grand Lodge of British North America" shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

2. That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said "The Grand Lodge of British North America," the annual travelling password to be used within the jurisdiction of the said "The Grand Lodge of British North America," and both jurisdictions shall use the same travelling password.

3. The qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said "The Grand Lodge of British North America," shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a charter, in conformity herewith, be prepared and duly authenticated, and its delivery confided to the M. W. G. S. and G. C. Secretary.

H. R. KNEASS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
CHS. THOMAS,
N. A. THOMPSON.

On motion to adopt the report and concur in the resolutions accompanying the report, Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?" it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Desaussure, Drew, Dunkin, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Garvin, Greenwood, Griffin, Hoyt, Judson, Kellogg, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Marshall, Miller, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parker, Parmenter, Reid, Robinson, Ropes, Salomon, Searfoss, Seynour, Smith, Stewart (2 votes,) Thompson, Veitch, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Wells, White, Whitney, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Kennedy—47.

NAYS.—Reps Alsop, Day, Glenn, Kneass, Patterson (2 votes,) Stokes, Thomas. P. G. S. Hopkins—9.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. Y., the rule was suspended to allow him to ask leave of absence for the remainder of the day for Rep. Hoit, of N. H.

Rep. Parker, of N. Y., asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Hoit, of N. H., during the day.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which was adopted:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry into the propriety of the establishment by the Order of an Institution of Learning, ask leave to report:

The committee have carefully considered the subject given to them in charge, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is both proper and expedient for this Grand Lodge to take some incipient measures for the accomplishment of the design shadowed forth in the resolution under which the committee were appointed. They are persuaded that it is the peculiar province of this body, vested as it is with powers so extensive over the Order, to bring the subject fairly before the brotherhood at large, and to take the first steps towards the attainment of the object. The committee believe that the Order in its progress has reached a point where its energies and means exceed the work which it has in hand. Organized originally for the alleviation of the severer forms of distress, our charities have gradually so extended as to overshadow all forms of misery in our midst. The vast and complicated machinery by which, from one end to the other of this country, and even beyond its limits, the officers of our Institution minister daily from our treasuries to the wants of our unfortunate brothers, is working not only to our own satisfaction, but to the admiration of those who are strangers to our mysteries. We cannot hope to add many improvements to its present arrangement, and where a system has been found to succeed so well, it would be imprudent to attempt to make material changes. But we may turn our attention to other and kindred objects, and having occupied one portion of the great field of beneficence, we may commence to make efforts for the acquisition of the rest.

Charity, in the sense in which we use the term, includes more duties than the simple relief of pecuniary distress. To be charitable according to our acceptation of the word, is to do all the good we possibly can for our fellow men, but more particularly for the members of our Order. We have already done much good, and this we may be permitted to say without the accusation of vain boasting. But there is yet much more for us to do. We already watch by the sick bed, bring comfort to the habitations of want, commit the dead decently to the earth, cherish desolate families and educate the

orphans of those who have been among us. But we do not yet afford to our living members, whose means are limited, the opportunity of enlightening the minds of their children and fitting them for a career of usefulness. It is true that there are sections of our country highly favored by Providence, where even the poorest man is enabled to secure for his offspring the priceless blessing of education, yet even in such regions it is not possible for all such beneficiaries to lay hold on places where they may gain the highest kind of knowledge. With us, where no distinctions of rank are permitted, and where the most humble may in time become the most elevated, it is especially important that the mind of each child should be submitted to the process by which its powers can be developed. Many fathers are daily enduring the miserable doom of beholding the intellects of their sons, in whom they live again, crushed beneath the weight of adverse circumstances. There are many such fathers among ourselves, for we have gathered our host from all classes and conditions of men. Can we permit ourselves to doubt that it is our duty to extend to this peculiar and aggravated form of distress its appropriate relief.

The committee have heard many objections against the interference of this body in the business, but all the objections resolve themselves into questions of expediency. The constitutional power of this Grand Lodge to co-operate in, and superintend a work like this cannot be disputed. There can be no conscientious scruples on the mind of any member in regard to this power. We are not only at liberty to engage in any such undertaking, but an enterprise like this, involving consequences which cannot be estimated, is co-ordinate with the dignity of our body. Here, from the same centre whence are distributed the laws of the fraternity, let the rays of intellectual light emanate, and while in distant sections the brother without name or fortune, will, in all time to come, look up to you as his supreme rulers, let him also gratefully regard you as the chief of his benefactors. The design has been considered by some impracticable on account of its vastness; but the committee, after deliberate reflection, are convinced to the contrary. Such is the organization, such the numerical strength, and such are the pecuniary means of our fraternity, that no enterprise, within our prescribed bounds, can be too vast for us. All great achievements have followed upon predictions of failure. All great improvements have been preceded by cries of impracticability. And the committee believe that whenever this body, and the authorities which are constituted under it, shall enter upon the work, and set their shoulders to the wheel in earnest, all obstacles, doubts, fears, and misgivings will vanish, and another example will be afforded to the world of the wonderful capacity of our institution for good.

The committee have not undertaken to consider the merits of any particular scheme. Indeed, they were persuaded that the plan which has been proposed by an eminent member of the Order, was principally intended to attract the attention of the Order to the sub-

ject, and perhaps was not designed as the expression of his fully matured opinions; and, while they do not hesitate to recommend the respectful consideration of that plan, they are desirous that for the present, at least, the whole subject should be left open. Their approval, they are aware, can add but little to the exalted fame accorded by the fraternity at large to the brother just alluded to, but the committee would have done violence to their feelings if they had left the subject without paying a passing tribute to one whose services to the Order cannot be appreciated beyond their value.

The committee conclude by recommending to the Grand Lodge that a resolution be passed, inviting the attention of State Grand Lodges to the subject and requesting an expression of their views before the next Annual Communication, at which time the committee believe the whole subject can be considered to advantage and disposed of to the satisfaction of all interested. Resolutions to that effect are appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WM. W. MOORE.

Resolved, That the several State Grand Lodges are hereby earnestly requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order, of a General System of Education, and to devise and forward to this Grand Lodge plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the above report and resolution to the several State Grand Lodges.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., that the Grand Lodge suspend the rule during the residue of the morning, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Weld, of N. J., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of P. G. Joseph Libby, and seventy-seven others, formerly members of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report, that after having given the subject that consideration its importance so justly demanded, both by a hearing of the parties interested and a strict examination into the causes of the collision from its infancy to the date of the suspension, present the following: That the offence complained of was not of sufficient magnitude to warrant the severity of the punishment inflicted,—and the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises was hasty, impetuous, and not in conformity with the provisions of its own constitution.

In relation to the offences committed by Covenant Lodge, your Committee can find nothing that has not been amicably settled by a strict obedience to the mandates of the said Grand Lodge, on the

part of Covenant Lodge, yet your committee are constrained to believe that unkind feeling was in existence, equally reprehensible in the G. Lodge and her Subordinate.

The immediate cause of the collision may be found in the following preamble and resolutions passed by Covenant Lodge shortly after the celebration therein alluded to—and although evincing in themselves an improper spirit, yet your committee think of too trifling a nature to merit a punishment so severe:

WHEREAS, the Committee of Arrangements, appointed by the Grand Lodge, published a programme, in which they informed the citizens of Georgetown that the Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the Subordinate Lodges, would pass in full regalia through the principal streets of our town on the 28th of May—Therefore,

Resolved, That Covenant Lodge unanimously return a vote of thanks to the Grand Lodge for the appropriate and dignified manner in which they complied with their published proceedings, to the satisfaction and pleasure not only of the citizens of our town, but also of the members of this Lodge.

Resolved, That this Lodge, in view of its own dignity, cannot consent hereafter to unite with the Lodges of Washington City in any procession which may be desired, unless it receive an official communication from the Grand Lodge that all arrangements entered into will be entirely and honorably consummated.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge be, and the same are hereby, tendered to the Committee of Arrangements, on the part of the Grand Lodge, for the very honorable service to which they applied the benches loaned her by the Noble Grand of this Lodge, and that they be informed that the same are especially preserved for their accommodation when they shall condescend to honor us with a visit.

These resolutions were sent to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and were by that body referred to a committee, who at a subsequent meeting, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolutions from Covenant Lodge, No. 13, passed the 1st of June last, be returned to that Lodge, and that they be required to receive them, and withdraw all offensive imputations conveyed therein, at their first meeting after this date, and that a certified copy of compliance with the above requirements be transmitted immediately to the Grand Master.

Resolved, (two-thirds of this Grand Lodge concurring,) That in the event of a failure by Covenant Lodge, No. 13, to comply fully and unequivocally with the above resolution at said meeting, said Lodge be, and she is hereby, suspended indefinitely, and that the Grand Master be directed to demand, and receive from her officers, the charter, books, papers, and other property, which of right appertain to this body by the rules and regulations of the Order.

Resolved, That Covenant Lodge, No. 13, be, and she is hereby, prohibited from the transaction of any business of any kind or nature whatever, after the reception of these resolutions by the Noble Grand, except these resolutions, and the resolutions to which they refer, and the officers of that Lodge are specially prohibited from issuing any card of clearance, or travelling certificate, to any person whatever after this date: *Provided*, They shall not comply with the first resolution in the opinion of the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the G. S. transmit forthwith to the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, a copy of these resolutions, properly attested.

Resolved, That in the event of the operation of these resolutions, the G. S. and the D. G. M. shall issue to Grand Master Levin Jones, a card of clearance from Covenant Lodge, No. 13, as a suspended Lodge, in order that he may have an opportunity to connect himself with some Lodge immediately.

These resolutions, it appears, were regularly transmitted to Covenant Lodge, when, in compliance with the requisition of the Grand Lodge, before proceeding to their regular business, the following re

solutions were adopted, receiving the approbation of the Grand Master (who was present) and to whose opinion the Grand Lodge had referred the whole matter:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the District of Columbia passed on the 3d instant resolutions which were forwarded by G. S. T. C. Donn, with the resolutions passed by Covenant Lodge on the 1st of June, 1846, said resolutions of Covenant Lodge having been considered and pronounced by the Grand Lodge, in their resolutions aforesaid, as disrespectful to said Grand Lodge—Therefore,

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge on the 3d instant be, and the same are hereby, received by Covenant Lodge, and that the requirements of said resolutions be so far complied with as that Covenant Lodge does hereby declare that, whilst it was the intention of Covenant Lodge to exercise the bare right of freemen, by expressing a feeling of disapprobation to the course pursued by the Committee of the Grand Lodge on the occasion alluded to in the resolutions of June 1, 1846, it was not the intention of Covenant Lodge to express its disapprobation in terms of disrespect to the Grand Lodge, or to any of its members; and if the terms have been so construed by the Grand Lodge they have been misunderstood.

Resolved, further, That a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted immediately to the Grand Master.

Thus far it appears Covenant Lodge had complied strictly with the mandates of the Grand Lodge, when, in the spirit already alluded to, (we fear) it was ordered by Covenant Lodge to return to the Grand Lodge the offensive resolutions, the Grand Master protesting against the movement, although the resolutions of apology accompanied them. A few days afterwards, on the 12th of August, at a special session of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, convened by the Grand Master, Covenant Lodge, No. 13, of said District, was indefinitely suspended from communion with the Order without a hearing, and, as your committee believe, in violation of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Your committee, therefore, without attempting to shield for a moment a Subordinate Lodge in the least insubordination whatever against its Grand Lodge, also submit, that they, with individuals, have certain and positive rights which your committee believe have not, in this case, been complied with or granted. The committee, therefore, submit the following resolutions:

EDW. D. WELD,
J. W. STOKES,
P. M. JUDSON.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in the case of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, was informal, and in violation of its own Constitution: therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be and is hereby required to reinstate forthwith Covenant Lodge, No. 13, into fellowship with the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring upon the report and resolutions of the committee, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was passed in the negative

Rep. Miller, of Conn., moved to reconsider the vote of the Grand Lodge, adopting the report of the committee in relation to the memorial of Covenant Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved to lay the motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the motion to reconsider—pending the question, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 24, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, being the presentation to P. G. M. Ridgely of a Gold Medal, pursuant to a resolution of Sept. session, 1844.

P. G. Sires Wildey, Kennedy and Hopkins, the committee appointed under the resolution directing the presentation, having advanced to the chair of the Grand Sire

The M. W. G. Sire directed P. G. Representative John G. Treadwell, of N. Y., R. W. G. Marshal, to present Grand Corresponding Secretary James L. Ridgely to the committee.

The Grand Marshal having presented the Grand Corresponding Secretary to the committee, P. G. S. Hopkins, on behalf of the committee, presented a beautiful Gold Watch and Chain to P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, as the form of token which they had devised suited to the occasion—accompanied with an eloquent address.

Grand Cor. Secretary James L. Ridgely made a brief response to the address, whereupon, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., it was *ordered unanimously* that the address and reply be spread upon the Journal.

ADDRESS OF P. G. S. HOPKINS.

Past Grand Master Ridgely:

The Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. of O. F., at its session held in 1844, directed that, as an evidence of the high esteem they entertained for the eminent services you have rendered the Order, whilst acting as its Grand Corresponding Secretary, and as the Editor of the Official Magazine, published under her direction, there should be prepared, to be presented to you, a gold medal. The Representatives of the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as well within the limits of the United States of America as also of the Province of Canada, in British North America, over

whom the Grand Lodge of the United States claim jurisdiction, assemble to-day for the purpose of presenting to you the token of respect which has been prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose.

I have been directed to make the presentation to you. Before performing that duty, I may be permitted to take a short view of the history of the Order, which now extends over the greater part of North America. In 1819, in the city of Baltimore, five individuals who had obtained a knowledge, and were possessed of information qualifying them to work as a Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., assembled together; and, fully satisfied that the principles of the Order of which they were members were such as would elevate the moral character of their fellow-men, and be of lasting benefit to the whole human family; that the principle of Friendship, taught by the Order, was not confined within the narrow limits of family, friends, or country, but that all members of the human family were entitled to participate in the benefits derived from a connection with the Order; that the open hand of Friendship should be extended to all men of good character, without regard to the country to which they belonged, or the religion they professed, they labored to disseminate those principles. They did not labor in vain. The correctness of their conduct, the truths of the great moral principles they taught, soon attracted attention, and numbers demanded to be admitted to connection with the Brotherhood. The Order spread; neighboring cities and States claimed admission, and to participate in the benefits to be derived from a connection with the Order. The present assembly gives evidence of the extent of the Order in the few short years which have elapsed since its first introduction by the five fathers of the Order in America. One of that number alone remains, the rest have been consigned to the silent tomb. P. G. S. Wildey, whom the members of the Order delight to call the father of our fellowship, still survives. He has merited and received from this body deserved marks of their approbation. His history is enrolled in the records of the Order, and will remain to his honor to the latest time. The testimony of esteem voted to him will remain with his family till the last member of it shall be extinct. The Order, in all parts of its extensive jurisdiction, have resolved to do honor to those who have rendered eminent service. In the great State of New York, for eminent services rendered to the Order, a testimony of esteem and a token of merit has been presented to G. Secretary Treadwell.

No one in the Order has rendered more service or is more deserving of approbation than yourself; for years you have conducted the business of the Grand Lodge of the United States as its Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, during all which time you have merited and received the approbation of your Brethren. As Editor of the Covenant or Official Magazine, you have displayed knowledge, talent, and devotion to the principles of the Order. To your labors we are indebted for much of the prosperity we enjoy,

and the character and standing we hold in the community. Your name will be incorporated with the history of the Order, and will be handed down to posterity, as one whom the Order delighted to honor.

I now present to you, in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, this Gold Watch and Chain, as a token of merit, and an evidence of the esteem in which you are held in the Order.

Permit me to say that in selecting me to perform the duty of presenting it to you, I feel that the Grand Lodge of the United States have conferred upon me an honor. Having been your associate in the Grand Lodge of the United States for upwards of fifteen years, I feel proud of the opportunity to add my testimony to that of my brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the highly meritorious manner in which you have performed your duties.

P. G. M. RIDGELY'S REPLY.

MY BRETHREN: You may well imagine the state of feeling in which the interesting incident, which is now passing, has naturally placed the humble subject of its honor; but believe me, not one of you may form any adequate idea of its overwhelming influence. It wholly unfits me for the position: takes from me the power of giving utterance to any sentiment, which may hope to rise to the level of the occasion.

To present the offering of a grateful heart for this extraordinary evidence of the confidence and esteem of my brethren, would be but the expression of a tithe of the emotions which now breathe within me.

It has been the pleasure of my brethren for a series of years to invite me to the place which I occupy in our beloved Order—a place vast in responsibility, distinguished in honor, and one, with the faithful, diligent, and competent discharge of whose duties, perhaps the harmony, well-being, and destiny of the institution is inseparably blended. It has been my aim, impelled not only by a proper appreciation of the exalted honor of the office, to act well my part; but by an ardent and irresistible, and I trust not unworthy ambition to transmit to my children, a father's name, however otherwise humble, yet in some saint degree, associated with the mighty march of this beloved Order, over all human obstacles to the consummation of its great destiny, when man under the gentle influences of Love shall become in Truth assimilated to the image in which he was formed.

This anxious wish, this long cherished hope, is this day more than realized. You have my brethren indeed done me honor. The journal of this distinguished body, which is to endure from generation to generation bears the record, and this beautiful and costly token of your affection, shall, so long as the purple current courses through this feeble body, and there remains one unspent drop of its vital energy, be cherished as a jewel of inestimable value.

May God grant that my future life may not dishonor the gift, or blur the truthful page of history, which shall bear the record to future time.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the motion pending at the adjournment, being the motion of Rep. Miller, of Conn., to reconsider the vote adopting the report of the committee on the memorial of Covenant Lodge of the D. of C.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge reconsider the motion adopting the report of the committee on the memorial of Covenant Lodge of the District of Columbia?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Bayley, Kellogg, Kneass, Marshall, Moore, Morris, Parker, Patterson, Ropes, Taylor, of Ind., Thomas, P. G. S's Kennedy, Hopkins—13.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Cooke, Day, Desaussure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Fosdick, Garvin, Gilley, Glenn, Greenwood, Griffin, Hoit, Hough, Judson, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Marley, Miller, Neally (2 votes,) Page, Parmenter, Reid, Salomon, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Stokes, Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Wells, White, Wood, P. G. S. Wildey—44.

Reps. Dunkin and Whitney, of Canada, on motion, were excused from voting.

On motion of Rep. Cooke, of Va., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to the 18th By-law, now lying upon the table, which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the Grand Lodge took up the amendments to the By-laws, proposed by him, now lying on the table, on page 904, which were considered separately and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Salomon, of Ala., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee, now lying on the table, on the subject of the forms of prayer in the Order, on page 906.

The question being to adopt the report and accompanying forms of prayer—

Rep. Cooke, of Va., moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, and called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge indefinitely postpone the report of the committee?" which was passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Patterson, of Pa., the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the amendment to the By-laws, article 24, proposed by Rep. Weld, of N. J., on page 911.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put in the form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge strike out the 24th By-Law?" which was

resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Alsop, Bayley, Beardsley, Desaussure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Gilley, Glenn, Greenwood, Hough, Judson, Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Marley, Marshall, Moore, Page, Parmenter, Patterson, Salomon, Stokes, Thomas, Weld, P. G. S. Hopkins—26.

NAYS.—Reps. Baldwin, Cooke, Day, Fosdick, Garvin, Griffin, Hoit, Kellogg, McNairy, Miller, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Parker, Reid, Robinson, Ropes, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stewart, Taylor, of Ind., Thompson, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson (2 votes,) Wells, White, Whitney, Wood, P. G. S's Wildey, Kennedy—33.

On motion leave of absence was granted Rep. Garvin, of Ga., and Miller, of Conn., after this day, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Gilley, of New York, report:

The Regalia of officers of Grand Encampments shall be royal purple collars or sashes and black aprons trimmed with gold bullion fringe.

The Regalia of officers of Subordinate Encampments shall be royal purple collars and black aprons trimmed with gold colored fringe, lace, or both.

Jewels for officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments shall be as follows, viz:

For Grand Patriarch a double triangle of yellow metal with a representation of an altar and crossed crooks in the centre

For Grand Most High Priest, same triangle, with representation of the breastplate.

For Grand S. W. same triangle with crossed crooks.

For " J. W. " " single crook.

For " Scribe " " crossed pens.

For " Treasurer " " crossed keys.

For " Sentinel " " crossed swords.

For Officers of Subordinate Encampments, single triangle, otherwise as designated for Officers of Grand Encampments.

Past Officers of Grand and Subordinate Encampments shall be entitled to wear the regalia and jewels appertaining to the offices they have passed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. GILLEY,
D. S. PATTERSON,
D. SALOMON.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to change his vote from the affirmative to the negative on the proposition to strike out the 24th By-Law.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., from the Committee on Constitutions.

made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and the Grand Encampments of New York and Missouri, beg leave to report:

That after a careful examination of those Constitutions, your committee have been unable to find any thing contained therein requiring the action of this Body, or which conflicts with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, with a single exception, which is contained in the 6th section of the 3d article of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, which relates to the duty of Grand Representatives. That article reads thus:

"The R. W. Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States and there faithfully represent the interests and wishes of this Grand Encampment. They shall nominate such substitute to act for them in case of necessary absence as the Grand Patriarch may approve," &c.

Your committee are of opinion that so much of said article as authorises a Grand Representative to nominate a substitute to act for him in case of his necessary absence, is contrary to the spirit as well as the letter of the 10th Article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which requires all Representatives to be elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent.

The attention of your committee has been called by the Representatives from Rhode Island, to the 6th section of the 2d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the substance of which that body has also incorporated into the 7th Article of the Constitution of its Subordinates. The section referred to has therefore been carefully considered, and your committee are of opinion that no special action is required thereon by this body.

With these views, the committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions

Respectfully submitted,

RICH'D MARLEY,
N. A. THOMPSON,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri be, and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the words *"They shall nominate such substitute to act for them in case of necessary absence as the Grand Patriarch may approve"* be stricken from the 6th section of the 3d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, and that said Constitution with the amendment be, and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

On motion of Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., the rule excluding the introduction of new business after the morning session, was rescinded.

Rep. Kellogg, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the financial affairs of this R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That in the discharge of the duty assigned them, they have carefully examined the books of accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find the same correct, with properly authenticated vouchers for all payments by the Treasurer.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows, viz:

Balance of cash on hand, Sept. 16th, 1845, as per report of Finance Committee and Treasurer of that date	-	\$3,487.47
Cash paid to Treasurer by the Secretary from Sept. 16th, 1845, to Sept. 21st, 1846, for Representation Tax, Books, Cards, &c., &c.	-	\$14,265.59
Total,	-	\$17,753.06
Amount paid by Grand Treasurer as per his account stated from Sept. 16, 1845, to Sept. 21, 1846,	-	\$ 8,602.87½
Leaving balance in the Treasury	-	\$9,150.18½

The following claims against the Grand Lodge have been presented, examined and found correct:

Grand Secretary's office—incidentals,	-	\$96.44
Grand Sire Sherlock's bill of postage,	-	30.70
Albert Case, D. Grand Sire, travelling expenses,	-	50.00
Jno. G. Treadwell, G. Marshall, do.	-	40.00
Levin Jones, G. Guardian, do.	-	20.00
J. D. McCabe, G. Chaplain, do.	-	70.50
J. E. Chamberlain, bill of sundries,	-	15.50
E. S. Fryer, bill for Gilt Frame,	-	2.00
W. D. Wilson, D. D. G. Sire, bill for postage,	-	13.00
J. Winchester, bill for Circulars in Golden Rule,	-	12.00
J. Pratt, Commissioner State of Maine, bill for postage,	-	1.30
A. R. Smith, D. D. G. Sire, "	-	2.75
Albert G. Day, premium on Exchange,	-	11.23
Albert Case, D. G. Sire, bill for postage,	-	2.70
		<hr/> \$368.12

Which amount the committee recommend to be settled by the proper officer.

Your committee also recommend appropriations for payment of the following claims, viz:

Special loan Marion Lodge, New York,	-	\$1000.00
Grand Sire Sherlock's travelling expenses,	-	100.00
J. A. Kennedy, for postage bill, bill for boxes for packing revised work for distribution and express charges on documents, &c., \$100, or so much thereof as may be found by the accounting officers due to him,	-	\$100.00

Peter Prulin's bill for Watch,	-	350.00	} 378.00
R. & A. Campbell's bill for chain and seal,	-	28.00	
presented to J. L. Ridgely, G. C. and R. Secretary,			

Total indebtedness,	-	-	-	\$1,946.12
Leaving an unappropriated balance in the Treasury of				\$7,204.06
This balance is in cash,			\$6,251.68	
Draft J. G. Treadwell on Joseph R. Taylor,				
Grand Master, for Cards, &c., &c., (for acc't				
of Grand Lodge of New York,) payable on 1st				
Jan. next,	-	-	934.38	
Check on Bank of Montreal,	-	-	18.00	
				\$7,204.06

There is also due to this Grand Lodge in assets at present unavailing the following sums:

Arkansas funds,	-	-	-	\$192.50
Notes of G. W. Churchill,	-	-	-	160.00
Note of J. C. Bull, due 1st of July last,	-	-	-	300.00
Check of S. C. Sewall, on Bank of Montreal,				140.64
				893.14

And from Grand Lodges and Encampments, as per documents A. and B., appended to G. Secretary's report, 2840.32

The amount due by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments cannot be arrived at, there having been no reports from these bodies placed in the hands of your committee.

All of which, with the accompanying resolutions, are respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG,
H. L. MILLER,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

Resolved, That the proper officers draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the several claims above reported, and appropriations recommended.

Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for payment of salaries to the Grand Officers, as follows, viz:

Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, one thousand dollars, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer, and one hundred and fifty dollars for the salary of Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; and one hundred dollars for the salary of Grand Treasurer A. E. Warner, payable quarterly on his own receipt.

And the further sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for the payment of office rent of Grand Secretary, postage and discounts, printing journal, &c., stationery, incidental and contingent expenses of Grand Secretary's office, and travelling expenses of Grand Officers; and that the same be paid from time to time on the order of the Grand Secretary.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report; which was read, accepted, and the accompanying By-law recommended, ordered to lie on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which were referred sundry applications and resolutions respecting the removal from one town to an-

other of the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, Alabama, and Illinois, respectfully recommend (not conceiving the reasons offered sufficient to warrant them in granting the request, and in view of the repeated requests of this kind, which are made to this body by a minority of the bodies interested) that the following by-law be adopted, to regulate future proceedings on the subject:

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

That no proposition to change the location of a State Grand Lodge, or State Grand Encampment, can be entertained, except on the petition of a majority of the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments of the State.

Rep. Reid, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Work of the Order be directed, during the recess of this G. Lodge, to prepare a form of ceremony to be used in conferring the Past Official Degrees of the Order, and submit the same to this G. Lodge for its approval at its next session.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of Michigan Encampment, No. 1, Paw-wah-ting Encampment, No. 3, Lenawee Encampment, No. 4, and Samaritan Encampment, No. 6, for a charter for a Grand Encampment to be located at Kalamazoo, in the State of Michigan, respectfully report:

That, as this petition comes from but *four* out of *six* Encampments now existing in the State of Michigan, it does not appear that the 5th Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge has been complied with. The article referred to requires that *each* Encampment shall be represented in the Convention which makes application for a Grand Charter. Under these circumstances your committee doubt the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners, lest, by pursuing such a course, injustice may be done to the two Encampments which were not represented. They, therefore, recommend that the charter be not granted until the requirements of the law are fulfilled, and when that is done, the Executive officers of this body be authorised to issue a charter as prayed for.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion, the report was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was re-committed the subject, made the following report:

The foregoing report having been recommitted to the Committee on Petitions, that committee have re-examined the case in view of

the arguments advanced in the course of the debate thereon, and they see no reason to change their opinion as to the appropriate disposition of the subject, under the present By-Law, which is as follows:

"All application for charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment must be by a vote of the several Lodges or Encampments in the state, district, or territory, as follows: Each Lodge or Encampment in the state, district, or territory, shall appoint one or more of its P. Grands or Patriarchs, as a representative, to meet with similar representatives from the other Grand Lodges or Encampments, to consider the propriety of an application for a Charter for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Each subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives the vote shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in form following," &c. &c.

Your committee maintain that the above By-Law requires every Encampment in the State of Michigan to assent to the establishment of the Grand Encampment which is now prayed for. Instead of this being the case, only two-thirds of the Encampments in Michigan have joined in the petition under consideration. As regards the principal objection urged against the adoption of the recommendation of the committee, that the absent Camps, in consequence of their having no Past Officers, could not be represented in convention, your committee reply, that the By-Law does not require the representatives of Encampments to be Past Officers.

Your committee remark, in conclusion, that, apart from the informality in the organization or the convention from which the petition emanates, your committee would have no objection to complying with the request of the petition, but they do not deem it consistent with propriety to present a written report in direct conflict with existing law. If it be desirable that some more convenient method be devised for facilitating the establishment of Grand Lodges and Encampments, it is competent for this body to amend its By-Laws, so as to accomplish the object.

Your committee repeat their former recommendation, which they deem to be the most favorable course that can now be pursued, unless it be the pleasure of this Grand Lodge to postpone the consideration of the subject-matter of this report for the space of one day, in order to afford time for the amendment of the law.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion the report was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, and Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, (being four of the

six Lodges now organized in the territory of Iowa,) asking for a charter for a Grand Lodge in the said Territory, to be located in the town of Burlington, cannot recommend the granting of the charter as prayed for, for the reasons stated in their report in the case of application for a Grand Encampment in the State of Michigan.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. C., proposed the following amendment to the 5th article of the By-Laws, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

That the first fifteen lines of the 5th article of the By-Laws be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor, viz:

"Article 5.—All applications for charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, must be by vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the state, district or territory, as follows: When three or more Lodges or Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges or Encampments in the state, district, or territory, inviting them to meet in consultation, at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Patriarchs, as representatives, to meet in convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the erection of the Grand Lodge or Encampment, (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least three Lodges or Encampments.) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a representative, or should the representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives the vote shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to wit:"

Rep. Weld, of N. J., asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 24, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: present M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to instruction in the work, pursuant to the order setting apart this evening for that object.

After several hours passed in instruction, the Grand Lodge on motion adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 25, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation

Prayer by the R. W. G. Chaplain.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., moved to suspend the rule, to offer a proposition to amend the Constitution, which was agreed to.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Searfoss, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

That Art. VIII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, and Art. IX be numbered VIII, and so on successively.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama in removing its officers prior to the expiration of their respective terms, by amending the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge, report:

That by an alteration of its Constitution, changing the commencement of its official year from July to April, the Grand Lodge of Alabama abridged the terms of the then existing Grand Officers. Your committee are of opinion that, inasmuch as official service is, in our Order, often a pre-requisite to promotion, no interference, by change of laws, with the rights of incumbents of office should be allowed. Such alterations of the laws should be prospective in their operation, and should in no way affect the terms of officers who are actually in service. Your committee deem the suggestions of the Grand Sire to be correct. They recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, whose terms were abridged by the amendment of the Constitution made in April, 1846, be entitled to the honors of their respective terms.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Morris, on page 867, report:

That in their opinion there exists no particular reason for the pas-

sage of the resolution, and therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry into the law authorising Degree Lodges, report:

That they find no distinct law on the subject. For the last twenty years State Grand Lodges have allowed the existence of Degree Lodges, and their legality has been acquiesced in by this Grand Lodge. Constitutions of State Grand Lodges containing provisions for the establishment of Degree Lodges, have been approved by this body, and the charge books of the Order by implication recognise their legal existence.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., proposed the following as a substitute for the report of the committee:

Resolved, That all Degree Lodges be, and the same are hereby, abolished, the same being inconsistent with the chartered rights of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Wood, of R. I., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, presented the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom has been referred the resolution offered by Rep. McNairy, of Tennessee, beg leave to report, that in their opinion it is desirable that the same should be adopted as a general regulation of this body for the guidance of Subordinate Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
J. W. STOKES,
WM. R. SMITH.

• *Resolved*, That no State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, shall delegate the Legislative authority vested in it by this Grand Lodge to any other body or bodies whatever.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., offered the following amendment as an addition to the report of the committee:

Resolved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, shall not be construed so as to affect the holding of a Convention in the city of New York, for the purpose of adopting a new Constitution.

Rep. Salomon, of Ala., offered the following as a substitute for the amendment proposed by Rep. Egan, of N. Y.

Resolved, That this resolution be so construed as to prevent the assemblage of any Convention to alter or change the fundamental laws of any Grand Lodge or Encampment.

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had in their hands certain communications from members of the Order, unofficially addressed to this Grand Lodge, and while they would treat with respect all communications, they do not deem it within the province of their duties to satisfy the individual curiosity or to weigh the critical sagacity of these correspondents in questions pertaining to the Order. Your committee cannot think that such documents are legitimately before this Grand Lodge for action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. Alsop, of Illinois, and believing that the same may obviate difficulties in the first operations of the new six months' law, recommend that the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That when by the action of the law passed regulating the terms of Subordinate Lodges, the last quarter of this year shall contain less than seven weeks, the officers then shall serve through the next term, and when the last quarter contains as many as seven weeks the officers shall be considered as Past Officers.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution of Rep. McNairy, on page 904, and thereon report:

That the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, has heretofore indirectly established the point upon which inquiry has been made. For the purpose of determining the question your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That if upon appeal to a State Grand Lodge by a member of a Subordinate Lodge, charged with violating a known law of the Order, the decision of his Lodge be reversed, he may be reinstated without the consent of his Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and unanimously concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were submitted the portions of the Grand Sire's and Corresponding Secretary's reports, having reference to our foreign relations, report:

That the effort to establish our form of Odd-Fellowship in England, has by a succession of untoward circumstances most signally failed. The committee, nevertheless, are rejoiced to find that this want of success is not owing to any disrespect on the part of our foreign brethren towards the Order as we have presented it to them, or to its incompatibility with the political and social institutions of their country. It is unfortunate that trifling disagreement upon matters of form, and questions of precedence, should have interfered with the success of the noble effort to plant our Order in one of the great kingdoms of Europe: regarding this enterprise as an important step towards the accomplishment of an object near the hearts of the members of the Order in this country, that of extending the blessings of our Order over the civilized world. Your committee recommend that at present this Grand Lodge desist from the attempt to renew the relations so unfortunately broken off, in the belief that through the instrumentality of the newly established Canadian Sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship, the Order may yet find favor and support among the great people to whom we have heretofore commended it.

The Lodges in Wales have not reported to this Grand Lodge, and it has been found difficult to correspond with them and to ascertain their exact condition. Your committee, however, recommend that action with reference to these Lodges be for the present delayed, in the hope that a revival of interest in the Order, and of attention to their duties, may be awakened in them.

Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge take especial notice of the kind and fraternal greeting of our brethren in Australia, and that as provided in the resolutions hereto appended, they be apprized of our warm interest in their welfare. The adoption of the following resolutions is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to take immediate steps for the return of the Charters and Books granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate to the R. W. Australian Grand Lodge I O. O. F. the acknowledgment of the reception of their courteous letter, and to tender the assurances of the high respect of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and of our warm and abiding interest in their welfare and prosperity.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, report that they have considered the same, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH.

1. *Resolved*, That to acquire or retain membership in an Encampment of Patriarchs, full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is indispensably necessary.

2. *Resolved*, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once his connexion with his Encampment; and that it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to prepare at once, and furnish to said Patriarch a withdrawal card, provided the Patriarch is in good standing.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension or expulsion of any such member.

4. *Resolved*, That where a withdrawal card has been granted to a Patriarch, under the circumstances specified in the second resolution, and the individual holding the card shall afterwards renew his membership in the subordinate branch of the Order, and apply to the Encampment, whose card he holds for re-admission, the said Encampment shall be privileged to dispense with the reference of said application to a committee of investigation, and may proceed at once to ballot; but such ballot must be governed by the same rules as other ballots on applications for admission.

5. *Resolved*, That every member of an Encampment who is suspended or expelled by the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, shall forfeit membership in his Encampment, and that his name shall be stricken from the rolls of said Encampment immediately on the receipt of the information of his suspension or expulsion.

6. *Resolved*, That no application for admission into an Encampment shall be received, or in any way entertained, unless accompanied by a certificate under the seal of some Subordinate Lodge, that the applicant is a member in good standing in such Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., on page 911, begs leave to report adversely to the adoption of the 2d, 4th, and 5th resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES.

On motion to adopt the report of the majority of the committee, a division of the question was required and the resolutions were considered *seriatim*.

The first resolution was considered and adopted.

The second resolution was considered, and

On motion of Rep. Page, of N. J., was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the rule was suspended in order to enable him to state a proposition for the decision of the chair.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., having stated the point raised by him, the G. Sire decided as follows:

As full membership in a Subordinate Lodge is essential to membership in an Encampment, it follows that when membership ceases in a Subordinate Lodge by withdrawal of card, it ceases in the Encampment, and that by the deposite of the card again in a Subordinate Lodge he does not become a member of the Encampment. Upon the withdrawal of the card his connection with the Encampment to which he had been attached is severed.

From which opinion Rep. Stokes, of Pa., appealed in words following, viz:

I appeal from so much of the above opinion as prevents the said brother from receiving a card from his Encampment, and a renewal of membership in said Encampment, on a deposite in another Subordinate Lodge of the card which he received from the Subordinate Lodge from whence he withdrew.

The question being: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Day, Desaussure, Fosdick, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin (2 votes,) Hough, Judson (2 votes,) Kellogg, Marley, Marshall, Page (2 votes,) Parmenter, Ropes, Seymour, Smith, Taylor, of Ia., Thomas, Veitch, Wadsworth, White, Wood, P. G. Sire Hopkins—26.

NAYS.—Reps. Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Cooke, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Kneass, McIntyre, McNairy, MacRae, Miller, Moore, Morris, Neally (2 votes,) Parker, Patterson, Reid, Robinson, Salomon, Searfoss, Stewart, Stokes, Thompson, Watson (2 votes,) Weld, Wells, Whitney—28.

Rep. Dunkin, of Canada, on motion, was excused from voting.

On motion the Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of membership in Encampments.

The second resolution being under consideration—

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., to postpone the consideration of the resolution indefinitely, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The third resolution was considered, and on motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, it was indefinitely postponed.

The fourth resolution was considered.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., moved to amend by striking out the fourth resolution and substituting the following:

Resolved, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge to one of its members, who is also a member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once his connection with his Encampment; but on the renewal of his membership in a subordinate Lodge, his membership in his Encampment is thereby renewed: *Provided*, such renewal shall occur within one month from the date of such withdrawal card.

The question being on the substitute of the Rep. of Mass., it was resolved in the affirmative.

The fifth resolution reported by the committee being under consideration, on motion indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was passed in the affirmative.

The sixth resolution being considered, was on motion indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report which relates to the printing of the Work of the Order by Subordinate Encampments, Lodges, and individuals, have considered the subject, and report:

That by the existing laws the right to print or publish any portion of the Work of the Order, or any form of diplomas, belongs exclusively to this Grand Lodge. The committee report the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the right to print or publish the lectures, charges, or odes, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction, or any portion thereof, or any form of diploma now used by the G. L. U. S., is exclusively the property of this Grand Lodge; and any violation of this right by Grand or Subordinate Lodges, or individuals, is in opposition to the laws, rights, and privileges of this Grand body.

Resolved, That the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the several State Grand bodies be directed to cause the law of the Grand Lodge in this respect to be enforced in their respective jurisdictions.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Shall the report and resolutions of the committee be adopted?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution submitted by Rep. Gilley, in relation to an alteration of the work of Subordinate Encampments, have considered the subject, and report:

That the work of this branch of the Order has hardly been in operation a sufficient length of time to test its value, or to enable the Subordinates to properly estimate its adaptation to their wants, and that any change, at present, would only be productive of embarrassment and confusion.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour having arrived for taking up the report of the Committee on Appeals, made the special order for this day at 12 o'clock, on page 930-31—

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the special order of the day was again laid on the table.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution offered by Rep. Stewart, of New York, on page 914, have considered the subject, and report:

That in the opinion of the committee the passage of the resolution is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance, which was read and on motion adopted.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of a portion of the Lodges in the Territory of Wisconsin for a charter for a Grand Lodge, and the remonstrance of two other Lodges

against the propriety of granting the request of the petitioners, respectfully report:

That there are twelve Lodges already organized in the said Territory, in the supervision of which some inconvenience is experienced, arising from the division of the Territory into two districts under separate District Deputy Grand Sires, in addition to the difficulty of providing for contingencies consequent upon the settlement of a new country and its remoteness from the seat of power—all of which are matters deserving the attention of this body, and sufficient to induce the committee to recommend favorable action on the petition, if, for the reasons stated in previous reports, they did not feel themselves debarred from doing so.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petition of John Niles, J. E. Hollister, Wm. B. Hollister, Mark Whinery, Alonzo D. Webster, Wm. Gilliland, and Wm. M. Wood, for an Encampment to be located at Mishawaka, in the State of Indiana, and which application is sanctioned by the D. D. G. Sire of that State, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted when the requirement of the law is complied with by the payment of the fee.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the memorial of Bro. George N. Hufty, (late of New Jersey, but now of Pennsylvania,) complaining of a certain provision in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which prevents Past High Priests from becoming members of the said Grand Encampment, respectfully report that the Constitution complained of has been duly approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in this act of approval, this body has admitted the right of Grand Encampments to make such a provision. While the committee have thus taken pains to answer the objection of Bro. Hufty, they cannot admit the right of individual members to make suggestions through this body as to the propriety of amendments to State Constitutions.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which were referred three several applications (all of them being in due form) for the establishment of Encampments in the towns of Indianapolis, Lafayette, and Laurel, in the State of Indiana, and which Encampments were improperly instituted by the District Deputy Grand Sire, under a misapprehension of the powers and duties of his office, (as explained in the report of the Grand Sire,) respectfully recommend that legal charters be granted in each case, in pursuance of the prayer of the petitioners.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of Jeffrey F. Halsey and six others for a charter for a Lodge, to be located at Shullsburgh, in the Territory of Wisconsin, under the title of Justitia Lodge, No. —, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, having considered the petition and papers in relation to the establishment of a Lodge at Oregon city, in the Territory of Oregon, a charter for which has been improperly granted by a District Deputy Grand Sire, under a misapprehension of his duties, (as explained in the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire,) respectfully recommend that a charter in due form be granted to Bro. Gilbert Watson and his co-petitioners, and be forwarded by the Grand Officers as a substitute for the illegal charter which, without any fault on their part, they have taken out with them.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Returns, now lying on the table, which was taken up, considered, and adopted.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Standing Committee on Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments not represented, to which was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Annual Report as relates to the condition of the Order in the States of Texas and Arkansas, beg leave to report:

That they have not been able to ascertain why the Grand Lodge of Texas is not represented in this Grand Lodge. This vacancy is to be regretted from the fact that every other Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under this jurisdiction is represented. It is, however, a source of the highest gratification to be able to report that in Texas and Arkansas, the Order seems to be in a more flourishing condition than formerly, and gives promise of more extended usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. E. GLENN,
THOMAS ALSOP,
H. H. WHITNEY.

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, appointed under the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Mo., "to report a plan of conferring degrees, in Degree and Subordinate Lodges, so as to establish a uniform system throughout the whole Order," beg leave to report:

That the subject referred to them is one which they consider of great importance, and deserves the calm deliberation of this body. It must be very obvious that a uniform manner of conferring Degrees is not only desirable, but essentially necessary to perpetuate the purity and uniformity of the various sublime Degrees of our beloved Order. Upon the uniformity of these Degrees depends much of that which is vital to our interest and existence as an Order: if we do not receive these Degrees alike, we shall labor under embarrassments in recognising and knowing each other as Odd-Fellows.

Your committee are aware of the difficulty of establishing a system of conferring Degrees, so as to operate uniformly in the whole Order; but we suggest that some plan may be adopted which will attain this object as nearly as possible, and therefore submit the following resolutions for your action.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
H. H. WHITNEY,
D. P. WATSON.

1. *Resolved*, That State Grand Lodges are required to charter and institute Degree Lodges in places where there is more than one Subordinate Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That the Degree Lodges thus instituted shall elect annually the following officers: A Degree Master, a Deputy Degree Master, an Assistant Deputy Degree Master, all of whom shall be P. Grands. And it shall be the duty of these named officers to confer the Subordinate Degrees strictly in conformity with the written and unwritten Work of the Order.

3. *Resolved*, That wherever no Degree Lodges exist, the D. D. G. Master of such District shall appoint a sufficient number of qualified brethren to confer Degrees, who shall serve in that capacity one year, and who shall be recognised

by the title of the Officers of Degree Lodges, and shall in all respects conform to the written and unwritten Work of the Order.

4. *Resolved*, That each Representative at this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be carefully instructed in the Work of the Order, and impart the same to the Grand Master of their respective States, who shall instruct each D. D. G. Master in his jurisdiction, and require them to visit each Lodge within his District, and give instruction in the Work.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, to amend by striking out from the 3d resolution, the words "Officers of Degree Lodges" and insert "Degree Committees," it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. McNairy, of Tenn., from the committee to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of funeral observances under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and of the form of funeral and other processions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, beg leave to report:

That they have attentively considered the same, and recommend to your R. W. Body the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

The whole respectfully submitted.

WALTER S. MCNAIRY
CHRISP. DUNKIN,
D. J. HOIT.

1. *Resolved*, That the Regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order when attending the funeral of a deceased brother, be as follows:

A black crape Rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an Elective or Past Officer) the jewel or jewels which as such he may be entitled to wear.

2. *Resolved*, That the ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lappel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest Degree to which the wearer may have attained.

3. *Resolved*, That the order of procedure at the funeral of a deceased brother, be as follows:

At the appointed hour the Subordinate Lodge of which such brother was a member, shall meet at its Lodge room, and shall open in the initiatory Degree; and the N. G. shall appoint a marshal and such number of assistant marshals as may be required. The Lodge shall thereupon close, and the brothers shall pass in procession from the Lodge room to the place from which the funeral may have been appointed to start, in the following order:

1. The marshal, wearing a black scarf, and bearing a baton bound with a band of black crape.

2. The O. G. bearing a red staff, in like mourning.

3. The Scene Supporters bearing white wands in like mourning.

4. Members of the Initiatory Degree, in order of juniority, two abreast.

5. Members of the White, Pink, Royal Blue, Green and Scarlet Degrees, respectively, in like order.

6. Members of the Lodge having the Patriarchal, G. R. and R. P. Degrees, respectively, in like order.

7. The I. G., bearing the regalia and insignia indicative of the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.

8. The Treasurer, Assistant, Permanent or Financial Secretary or Secretaries, and the Secretary of the Lodge.

9. The P. G., supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office, bound with a band of black crape.

10. The Chaplain, wearing a white scarf, and supported by the Warden and Conductor, each bearing his staff of office in like mourning.

11. The N. G., supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office in like mourning.

12. The Past Grands of the Lodge, in order of juniority.

13. Brethren of invited Lodges, those of each Lodge arranged in the order above prescribed; the Lodges, when more than one may be represented, arranged in order of juniority.

On arriving at the place appointed for the starting of the funeral, the brothers shall take position in the above order immediately before the corpse, and shall precede it to the place of interment.

On arriving at such place of interment, the brothers shall open to the right and left, and allow the corpse, mourners, &c. to pass through, the brothers on either side standing uncovered, the hat held in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other. And after the passing of the corpse, mourners, &c., between the two lines, the brothers shall re-form in procession after them in reversed order, and close the procession into and within the place of interment.

After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may cause to be there performed, and before the final closing of the grave, the brothers shall form silently, and as nearly as may be according to the order above set forth, uncovered, the hat in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other, in one or more circles, as regular as the nature of the ground may admit, around the grave; when the Chaplain, or in default of a Chaplain, the N. G. may address the brothers and offer up a prayer, or may address the brothers without the offering of a prayer; and after such address or prayer, or both, or if there be no address or prayer, then after a pause suited to the solemnity of the occasion, the N. G. shall advance singly to the head of the grave, and cast into it with the right hand the sprig of evergreen from his regalia, and shall return to his place; whereupon the brothers from left to right in regular succession, and in such numbers at a time as not to cause confusion, shall advance to the grave, shall cast into it (each with the right hand) the sprig of evergreen from their regalia, and shall return to their place. And after all have done this, and the grave shall have been filled up or closed, the brothers shall silently re-form into procession according to the order observed in coming to the place of interment, and shall return in such order to the Lodge room, where the N. G. shall declare the funeral ceremonies to be closed.

4. *Resolved*, That if at the time of his death the deceased brother was a member of an Encampment, or of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Chaplain and highest Officer or Officers present, of such Encampment, or Grand Body or Bodies, supported each by two members thereof, shall take position in the funeral procession next after the Chaplain and N. G., respectively, of the Subordinate Lodge of the deceased, and shall take precedence of such N. G., and of each other, according to their respective rank, in conducting the ceremony of interment as above set forth.

5. *Resolved*, That the subject of the forms of Address and Prayer to be used at the interment of deceased brothers be left, at least for the present, to the legislation of the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, in case they shall see fit to legislate thereon.

6. *Resolved*, That in other processions of the Order the rules of precedence above set forth, so far as they may admit of being followed, shall be adhered to.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., indefinitely to postpone the report of the committee, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge on motion proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitutions, on the subject of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, also of the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Rhode Island, now lying on the table, which was read.

Rep. White, of R. I., offered the following as an amendment, in the form of an addition to the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That no business shall be transacted in any Lodge under this jurisdiction of any nature not immediately connected with Odd-Fellowship. All questions that agitate the community at large, and on which men may honestly differ, but which are entirely distinct from Odd-Fellowship, shall be strictly forbidden. And all questions that have a tendency to lead to debate on matters of national, local, political, or religious subjects—such as slavery or abolition, temperance or anti-temperance, moral reform, or any other topic for the propagation of which distinct associations already exist—shall be strictly guarded against; and it shall be the imperative duty of presiding officers to enforce this regulation in all cases. Every member has a right to his own opinions, and to advance and advocate them on questions of politics, religion, &c., but not in an Odd-Fellows' Lodge-room. Here, all must be harmony and concert, and all things tending to produce contention shall be rigidly excluded.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Constitutions, it was passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pa., that the Book of Diagrams presented by P. G. S. Kennedy be adopted as the unwritten work of the Order.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Pa.?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

With the consent and approval, from time to time expressed, of this Grand Lodge, the Most Worthy Grand Sir may accredit any officer or member of this Grand Lodge as a Special Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of any Sovereign Jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship recognised by this Grand Lodge; and in such case the necessary expense of such Special Grand Representative's visit to such Grand Lodge may be appropriated for from the funds of this Grand Lodge. And any officer or member of any such Foreign Grand Lodge who may be duly accredited from the same as a Special Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, and shall have a deliberative voice, but not a vote, in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee in relation to the removal of the seat of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, now lying on the table, which being under consideration, Rep. Robinson of Va., moved the following as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1845, authorising the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia to the City of Richmond, be so modified as to allow its removal to such place as may be de-

terminated upon by a majority of the Subordinate Encampments in special session assembled in the town of Portsmouth, on the 2d day succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in April next, who shall report its decision thereon to this Grand Lodge for its ultimate action. Nevertheless, the next annual session in 1847 shall be held at the place so designated by said special session.

Whereupon the report of the committee, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Thompson, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Cooke, of Va., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To strike out the words "as follows" on the 18th page in the 5th line of that article, and insert after the word "certificate" the words "of such election or appointment duly authenticated by the proper officers of such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Also—To strike out the entire form of the certificate as contained in said article 10th.

The Chair announced the appointment of Cor. Sec. Ridgley, P. G. Sire Hopkins, and Rep. Griffin, of Ga., as the committee to prepare a Digest of Laws, pursuant to the resolution directing the same.

Leave of absence, on motion, was granted to Grand Marshal Treadwell.

Rep. Kneass, of Pa., submitted the following resolutions, which were read:

Resolved, That the G. Sec. be instructed to copy in the book of diagrams of the unwritten work of the Order, the explanations of the same, contained in the old book of illustrations, and that the said old book of illustrations be by him immediately thereafter destroyed.

Resolved, That the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge, and that the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., called the previous question, pending which,

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 25, 4 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire Sherlock, all the Grand Officers, and a due Representation.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the question pending at the adjournment, to wit: The call for the previous question on the resolutions submitted by Rep. Kneass, of Pa., which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolutions submitted by Rep. Kneass, of Pa.?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, that the Grand Lodge take up for consideration the resolution offered by him, extending the official term in Subordinate Encampments, on page 913, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the proposed amendment to Article XXIV of the By-Laws, now lying on the table in the words following, to wit: Strike out the word "shall" and insert the word "may," which was concurred in.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Regalia, Emblems, &c., which being under consideration,

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., it was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the R. W. G. Secretary's report in reference to diagrams, report that inasmuch as a certain portion of said diagrams are in possession of the Grand Lodge, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES.

WM. ELLISON.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives of Maryland be requested, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, to have a temporary platform erected and neatly carpeted, in order to avoid the difficulty that now exists in obstructing the view of the Grand Sire, and present the bill to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge on the first day of the session, in reversing the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, in the matter of admitting Alex. MacRae to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, shall not be so construed as to imply a doubt in the correctness of this decision according to the letter of the Constitution.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Stewart, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the G. Secretary, with the Maryland Representation, be, and they are hereby, instructed to have printed three thousand copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the use of Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and members of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pa., it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the acknowledgments of this Grand Lodge are justly due, and are hereby tendered, to the M. W. G. Sire, for the able, impar-

tial, and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge at the present session.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses, and their highest titles in the order.

On motion of Rep. Gilley, of N. Y., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Jewels, Regalia, &c., now lying on the table, which being read,

Rep. Veitch, of Mo., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?" which was passed in the affirmative.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to G. C. and R. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, for the efficient and able manner in which he has performed the important duties of his office during the past year.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., that the Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* at 7 o'clock this evening, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee in charge of the digest of the Order, be directed to prepare a suitable Funeral Service for the burial of deceased members; and that it be obligatory upon them to report their action in this matter to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual session.

Rep. Bayley, of Md., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorised to procure a sufficient number of desks and chairs for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to purchase the same.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Va., to amend by striking out \$500 and substituting \$250, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the previous question upon the resolution submitted by Rep. Bayley, of Md., which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the previous question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Bayley, of Md.?" which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., to enlarge the Committee on the Digest of Laws, by the addition of two members, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Chair named Reps. Seymour and P'armenter as the additional members.

Rep. Egan, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which the Chair ruled out of order:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries of the several State Grand Lodges be directed to present one copy of the Lectures and Charges of the Five Degrees to the N. G. of any Subordinate Lodge, and that the said Lodge be empowered to confer the Degrees on its own members that may desire them.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorised to furnish any required supply of copies of the Charge and Degree Books, and Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, at as low a rate of advance upon cost price as in the opinion of the M. W. G. Sire and himself may secure this Grand Lodge from risk of loss.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Maine, it was ordered that no new business shall be entertained during the residue of the session.

On motion of Rep. Desaussure, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, in relation to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, on page 326, which being under consideration,

On motion of Rep. Desaussure, of S. C., to strike out the third and fourth resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the report of the committee as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Moore, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee on the application of the Encampments in Michigan for a Grand Charter, which being under consideration, on motion it was adopted.

On motion the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Petitions on the application of the Lodges of Iowa praying for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, which was considered and adopted

On motion of Rep. Moore, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to 5th Article of the By-Laws, proposed by him, on page 949, which being under consideration, was adopted.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, in order to enable the Grand Officers to comply with the applications for Charters for a Grand Encampment in Michigan, and for Grand Lodges in the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, at the earliest time practicable, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

Resolved, That when the Encampments in the State of Michigan, and the Lodges in the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, shall have complied with the new By-Law regulating the subject, and satisfied the Executive officers of this body thereof, charters be granted for a Grand Encampment in the State of Michigan, and for Grand Lodges in each of the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin, the said Grand Encampment and Grand Lodges respectively to be located at such places within the limits of their appropriate Territory, of their respective jurisdictions, as may be designated by the petitioners in each case.

Rep. Kellogg, of Michigan, offered the following substitute for the report of the committee, which was resolved in the negative.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter for a Grand Encampment, prayed for by a petition from Michigan Encampment, No. 1, Paw-wah-ting Camp, No. 3, Linawee Camp, No. 4, Samaritan Camp, No. 6, to be located at Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county, in the State of Michigan, be granted by this Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was concurred in.

The M. W. G. Sire announced the A. T. P. W. when
On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

**ANDREW E. WARNER, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand
Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.**

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1845.			
Sept. 16,	To Arkansas funds unavailable.....	\$192 50	
"	To three notes of G. W. Churchill not due.....	280 00	
"	To two notes of J. C. Bull, \$600, one paid.....	311 64	
"	To cash on hand at last settlement.....	3,487 47	
	To cash from Grand Secretary at sundry times.....	13,953 95	

Total.....	<u>\$18,205 56</u>
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1845.			
Sept. 18,	By cash to J. A. Kennedy, expenses on revision of new work	\$26 22	
"	" " W. R. Smith, Commissioner in Maine.....	50 00	
"	" " R. Brandt as Guardian of G. Lodge of U. States..	30 00	
" 19	" " C. McGowan for printing revision of work.....	89 10	
"	" " W. Curtis, Grand Marshal at extra session.....	15 00	
"	" " L. Jones as Grand Guardian of G. L. U. S.....	10 70	
"	" " J. G. Treadwell for designing Card.....	15 00	
"	" " " as Grand Marshal.....	40 00	
"	" " J. D. McCabe for postage.....	2 00	
"	" " W. W. Moore, to expenses on revision of work...	67 50	
"	" " J. L. Ridgely, to expenses on revision of work...	40 00	
"	" " " as Grand Secretary of G. L. U. S....	400 00	
"	" " J. E. Chamberlain as Messenger at extra session..	30 00	
"	" " " for sundries as per bill.....	17 60	
"	" " P. Smick for printing Cards.....	106 60	
"	" " Expenses of Grand Secretary's office.....	48 69	
"	" " T. Sherlock, expenses as Grand Sire.....	100 00	
"	" " A. Case as Grand Chaplain to G. L. U. S.....	60 00	
" 20,	" " H. Hopkins, expenses as G. Sire to G. L. U. S....	94 10	
"	By discount on uncurrent funds, (\$685.).....	10 47	
"	By Millington Bank note returned to G. Sect. (bank broke)..	5 00	
"	By Indiana Bank note returned to G. Sect. (counterfeit)....	5 00	
" 27,	By Cash to E. Parsons, D. D. G. S., for postage.....	3 10	
" 29,	" " C. Neilson, adm'x of R. Neilson, for printing.....	556 50	
Oct. 3,	" " Rosensteel for postage of Grand Secretary.....	9 23 1/2	
" 14,	" " J. Young for printing.....	109 15	
" 18,	" " J. Hufty for printing and engraving.....	808 45	
" 22,	" " E. H. Chapin for expenses on revision of work....	85 00	
Nov. 3,	" " J. E. Chamberlain for postage of Grand Secretary..	5 63	
" 20,	" " D. D. G. S. Potts, appropriation of G. L. U. S....	14 00	
" 28,	" " Burnap & Black for Diplomas.....	133 87	
Dec. 1,	" " J. E. Chamberlain for postage of Grand Secretary..	7 58	
" 12,	" " W. E. Tucker for retouching Certificate plate.....	50 00	
"	" " P. Smick for printing cards.....	102 19	
" 15,	" " J. L. Ridgely one quarter's salary as G. Secretary..	250 00	
"	" " J. E. Chamberlain one quarter's salary as Messenger	87 50	

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Lodges.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Sub. Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brethren.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount for burying the Dead.	Total amount for Relief.
G. L. of Maryland.	Baltimore.	Md.	32	1331	187	14	657	13	\$21,033.00	5,235	382	7	4	\$7,152.48	\$3,647.39	\$1,772.54	\$3,861.18	\$15,973.65
Massachusetts.	Boston.	Mass.	114	5868	189	46	637	2	104,292.27	11,836	1,48	47	4	25,976.19	9,312.86		2,604.18	29,513.23
New York.	New York.	N. Y.	239	8365	784	55	233	10	197,469.04	23,743	3,309	236	130	\$6,066.00	6,419.24	320.86	6,355.26	64,031.36
Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	Pa.	182	6627	89	1316	10	95,893.21	15,629	2,224	281	77	19	\$34,334.34	2,083.71		3,401.63	25,019.57
District of Columbia.	Washington, D. C.	D. C.	14	364	93	3	24	12	9,016.14	1,339	260	24	5	2,317.50	290.34	206.26	150.00	3,067.81
Delaware.	Wilmington, Del.	Del.	6	169	17	..	41	6	2,738.22	417	..	2	1	322.00	23.00		102.06	466.06
Ohio.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Ohio.	65	1819	485	67	516	9	32,315.65	4,038	330	57	15	5,793.20	204.22		332.00	6,353.42
Louisiana.	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana.	9	265	6	2	63	13	9,264.36	436	21	1	5	417.50	40.04		316.00	774.54
New Jersey.	Trenton, N. J.	N. J.	40	1082	67	5	401	9	24,708.05	3,438	371	12	17	5,447.12	100.73	77.26	650.83	6,653.96
Virginia.	Louisville, Ky.	Ky.	23	309	32	5	270	6	10,196.10	1,073	125	6	9	2,039.69	307.60	51.12	533.50	3,049.81
Kentucky.	Richmond, Va.	Va.	31	591	10	10	48	7	12,955.46	1,940	195	21	16	2,334.64	370.81	320.43	798.00	4,022.89
Indiana.	Madison, Ind.	Ind.	33	454	80	6	184	7	13,243.92	745	42	..	..	1,186.50			95.00	1,281.50
Mississippi.	Natchez, Miss.	Miss.	15	166	68	9	164	6	7,036.34	606	42	1	6	665.50	28.38	20.00	246.00	960.38
Missouri.	St. Louis, Mo.	Mo.	17	240	68	5	140	5	7,984.10	755	83	6	5	1,333.26	69.00	50.00	223.87	1,967.33
Illinois.	Springfield, Ill.	Ill.	16	327	..	7	105	4	6,791.76	680	63	1	5	561.64	5.00		210.00	776.64
Connecticut.	New Haven, Conn.	Conn.	33	1110	8	65	221	7	21,851.88	8,321	610	11	14	7,062.92	300.65	180.00	510.00	8,474.92
Tennessee.	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn.	20	407	16	8	103	3	11,332.00	810	45	..	2	576.00			50.00	606.00
Texas.	Houston, Texas.	Texas.	8	42	14	1	11	2	804.93	76	4	..	..	118.00			..	118.00
South Carolina.	Charleston, S. C.	S. C.	11	232	20	61	133	3	12,026.20	1,531	150	12	6	2,813.75	430.00	224.33	3,009.28	3,698.28
Alabama.	Mobile, Ala.	Ala.	9	285	12	2	74	4	9,150.80	664	44	8	6	593.60	70.75	64.50	140.00	892.75
North Carolina.	Wilmington, N. C.	N. C.	7	166	26	10	49	4	4,364.52	450	44	2	..	658.70	89.00	54.50	..	806.20
Georgia.	Savannah, Ga.	Ga.	14	482	57	10	88	1	13,729.73	1,447	123	3	7	2,027.29	228.00	80.00	324.41	2,676.70
Maine.	Portland, Me.	Me.	40	1410	40	10	231	2	30,130.44	4,789	486	7	27	6,383.90	81.76		639.73	7,301.03
Rhode Island.	Providence, R. I.	R. I.	13	759	4	5	71	1	14,077.82	1,674	279	2	10	3,129.68	71.62		455.00	3,655.80
New Hampshire.	Concord, N. H.	N. H.	19	619	13	6	91	2	8,541.00	1,812	260	4	10	3,285.65	38.00		420.00	3,743.64
Wales.	Tredgar, S. W.	S. W.	15	423	8	..	66	3	7,632.24	992	80	1	4	892.77	15.00		130.00	1,027.77
Michigan.	Detroit, Mich.	Mich.	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada.	Montreal, Canada.	Canada.	13	170	27	..	..	..	64.80	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arkansas.	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	2,629.73	316	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wisconsin.	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1,349.61	167	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iowa.	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	471.41	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Florida.	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	671.67	410	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vermont.	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	189.00

*Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. G
L. of the U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1846.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	Number of subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Relief.
G. E. of Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	Md.	10	235	18	1	\$4,581 90	711	No Rep't.
" New York.....	New York.....	N. Y.,...	40	564	56	1	9,835 44	1737	\$1,625 10
" Ohio.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio,...	16	114	3	6	2,830 60	458	No Rep't.
" Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	Ky.,...	9	87	10	...	957 48	168	"
" Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.,...	46	668	15	2	8,145 55	1323	"
" Virginia.....	Portsmouth.....	Va.,...	10	64	1,405 27	306	"
" Connecticut.....	New Haven.....	Conn.,...	10	85	4	...	1,443 85	347	"
" New Jersey.....	Newark.....	N. J.,...	11	121	8	...	2,074 97	366	"
" South Carolina.....	Charleston.....	S. C.,...	4	48	1	...	987 16	193	"
" Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	Mass.,...	15	556	7	1	9,411 86	1268	2,300 37
" Maine.....	Portland.....	Maine,...	8	86	1	...	1,581 54	477	No Rep't.
" N. Hampshire.....	Dover.....	N. H.,...	5	45	653 00	234	"
" Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.,...	"
" Dis. of Columbia.....	Alexandria.....	D. of C.,...	"
" Canada.....	Montreal.....	Canada,...	"
Columbia.....	No. 1. Washington,	D. of C.,	4	111	4	...	1,937 18	352	"
Marley.....	" 2. Alexandria,								
Mount Pisgah.....	" 3. Georgetown,								
Magenenu.....	" 4. Washington,								
Ridgely,*.....	" 5. "	La.,	3	18	301 26	69	"
Willey.....	" 1. N. Orleans,								
Louisiana.....	" 2. Bayou Sara,								
Hobah.....	" 3. N. Orleans,								
Delaware.....	" 1. Wilmington,	Del.,	1	29	1	...	333 95	70	"
Mt. Ararat.....	" 1. Mobile,								
St. Paul's.....	" 2. Montgomery,								
Black Warrior.....	" 3. Tuscaloosa,								
Willey.....	" 1. Natchez,	Miss.,	4	6	322 50	35	"
Vicksburgh.....	" 2. Vicksburgh,*								
Choctaw.....	" 3. Jackson,								
Woodville.....	" 4. Woodville,								
Willey.....	" 1. St. Louis,	Mo.,	3	7	1	...	193 92	61	"
Frontier.....	" 2. Weston,								
Stewart.....	" 3. Hannibal,								
Ridgely.....	" 1. Nashville,								
Washington,*.....	" 2. Columbia,	Tenn.,	5	4	69 37	16	"
Gayosa.....	" 3. Memphis,								
Olive Branch,†.....	" 4. Nashville,								
Jackson,†.....	" 5. Franklin,								
Campbell.....	" 1. Wilmington,	N. C.,	4	17	1	...	332 48	78	"
Bain.....	" 2. Murfreesb'h								
Pine,*.....	" 3. Fayetteville,								
Calumet,*.....	" 4. Newbern,								
Magnolia.....	" 1. Savannah,	Georgia,	5	38	746 56	287	"
Ocmulgee.....	" 2. Macon,								
Franklin.....	" 3. "								
Chattahoochie.....	" 4. Columbus,								
Augusta.....	" 5. Augusta,	Canada,	4	133	1,615 74	138	"
Hochelaga.....	" 1. Montreal,								
Stadacona,*.....	" 2. Quebec,								
Royal Mount.....	" 3. Montreal,								
St. Louis.....	" 4. Quebec,	Ind.,	7	6	238 84	47	"
Willey.....	" 2. Madison,								
Bethlehem.....	" 3. Aurora,								
Sherlock.....	" 4. Laurel,								
Metropolitan,†.....	" 5. Indianapolis	Mich.,	6	52	857 43	100	"
Wabash,†.....	" 6. Lafayette,								
Mawshawaka,†.....	" 7. Mashawaka,								
Michigan.....	" 1. Detroit,								
Marshall.....	" 2. Marshall,	R. I.,	3	198	1,928 46	269	"
Paw-wah-Ting.....	" 3. Niles,								
Lenawee,*.....	" 4. Adrian,								
Willey.....	" 5. Jackson,								
Samaritan,*.....	" 6. Kalamazoo,	Illinois,...	1	11	201 15	34	"
Narragansett.....	" 1. Providence,								
Moshassuck.....	" 2. "								
Palatine,*.....	" 3. Newport,								
Illinois.....	" 3. Chicago.....								

*No report. †Instituted since session. ‡Recently instituted

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J. A. KENNEDY,	-	-	-	-	New York.
H. HOPKINS,	-	-	-	-	Philadelphia

The above list is published in obedience to the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses and their highest titles in the Order."

Should any error be detected in the title of any member, it must be excused upon the ground that the only guide which the Secretary could have in such designation is the credentials of the representatives. These have been strictly conformed to.



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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE U. STATES

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1847.

MONDAY, September 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present :

THOMAS SHERLOCK,	M. W. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. R. and C. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JAMES D. McCABE,	R. W. G. Chaplain.
JNO. G. TREADWELL,	R. W. G. Marshal.
LEVIN JONES,	W. G. Guardian.
J. E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.
THOMAS WILDEY,	P. G. Sire.

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of States were present, the Grand Marshal in the absence of the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Grand Marshal reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect, which were read and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair named Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Macdonough, of Mo., and DeSaussure, of S. C., as the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read, and, on motion of Rep. AtLee of D. of C., accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following Representatives as correct :

FROM GRAND LODGES.

Maryland,	-	{ P. G. WM. L. McCAULEY,
		{ P. G. GEO. J. ROCHE.
Virginia,	-	{ P. G. M. J. HARRISON KELLY.
		{ P. G. E. S. HOUGH.
Connecticut,	-	{ P. G. M. P. DEMICK.
Massachusetts,	-	{ P. G. M. E. M. P. WELLS,
		{ P. G. W. T. DAVIS.
Pennsylvania,	-	{ P. G. ANDREW YOHE,
		{ P. G. M. JOHN C. YEAGER.
New Hampshire,	-	{ P. G. T. G. SENTER,
		{ P. G. M. S. H. PARKER.
Maine,	-	{ P. G. E. S. J. NEALLY,
		{ P. G. ALLEN HAINES.
New Jersey,	-	{ P. G. DANIEL T. CLARK.
District of Columbia,		{ P. G. M. W. W. MOORE,
		{ P. G. M. JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.
New York,	-	{ P. G. JAS. A. COFFIN,
		{ P. G. JOHN W. DWINELLE.
Kentucky,	-	{ P. G. M. A. K. MARSHALL,
		{ P. G. G. W. JOHNSTON.
South Carolina,	-	{ P. G. J. H. TAYLOR,
		{ P. G. W. G. DeSAUSSURE.
Ohio,	-	{ P. G. THOS. SPOONER,
		{ P. G. WM. B. KERLIN.
Louisiana,	-	{ P. G. HENRY McKINNELL.
Missouri,	-	{ P. G. HENRY HOLMES.
Georgia,	-	{ P. G. M. J. W. ANDERSON,
		{ P. G. M. WOODRUFF.
Alabama,	-	{ P. G. M. JOHN AFFRON.
Michigan,	-	{ P. G. JOHN WINDER,
		{ P. G. N. R. RAMSDELL.
Tennessee,	-	{ G. M. G. P. SMITH.
Indiana,	-	{ P. G. J. P. CHAPMAN.
Mississippi,	-	{ P. G. M. WM. H. BROWN.
Illinois,	-	{ P. G. M. S. S. JONES.
Wisconsin,	-	{ P. G. W. D. WILSON.
North Carolina,	-	{ P. G. WM. E. ANDERSON
Delaware,	-	{ P. G. GEO. GILL.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Maryland,	-	{ P. C. P. LEVI TAYLOR.
New York,	-	{ P. G. P. JOHN GREEN,
		{ P. C. P. THEO. DIMON.
Pennsylvania,	-	{ P. G. M. J. W. STOKES,
		{ P. G. GEO. S. MORRIS.

Connecticut,	-	P. G. P. WM. L. BREWER.
New Jersey,	-	P. C. P. SAMUEL LILLY.
Massachusetts,	-	{ P. G. P. WM. ELLISON, P. G. H. P. RAYMOND COLE.
Ohio,	-	P. G. M. A. G. DAY.
New Hampshire,	-	P. G. STEPHEN BROWN.
Maine,	-	P. C. P. F. P. THEOBALD.
Virginia,	-	P. G. M. G. M. BAIN.
Kentucky,	-	P. C. P. WM. F. DAVIS.
Missouri,	-	P. G. EDWARD F. MACDONOUGH.
South Carolina,	-	P. G. P. P. De DELLA TORRE.
Michigan,	-	P. C. P. A. S. KELLOGG.
Rhode Island,	-	P. G. A. P. WARE.
North Carolina,	-	P. C. P. D. G. MacRAE.
Tennessee,	-	P. C. P. I. D. WILLIAMSON.
Georgia,	-	P. C. P. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

And as incorrect, P. G. M. Samuel Y. AtLee, of Grand Encampment, District of Columbia, which wants the seal of the Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted, WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.
E. F. MACDONOUGH.

On motion, it was resolved, that Rep. AtLee, of D. of C. be admitted to his seat, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate of election.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee :

Committee on Petitions—Reps. Dwinelle, of N. Y., Chapman, of Ind., and Kelly, of Va.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., presented the petition of the subordinate Lodges of Vermont, praying for a Grand Lodge, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The M. W. G. Sire, presented the following, being his Annual Report, which being read, on motion of Rep. Morris, of Pa., it was ordered that five hundred extra copies of the same be printed for distribution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

IN obedience to the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report. It is a source of much pleasure to me to be enabled to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity with which our institution has been blessed. The additions to our membership during the year have fully equalled those of former years, and the consequent increase of the means, and the application of those means towards the fulfilment of the great objects of our Order affords the best evidence to the world of the benefits of Old-Fellowship. One year since there were reported about 100,000 contributing members attached to Lodges under your jurisdiction; there are now about 120,000. The amount expended for the relief of brethren and for purposes of charity, as reported at the last session for the year then expired, was about \$205,000; during the year just past, for the same purposes the expenditures have been about \$300,00.

Nothing has occurred seriously to mar the prospects of the Order, or to retard it in its career of usefulness. From the assaults of those, who, strangers to our institution, denounce and condemn it, no harm can result. The day has gone by when the mass of mankind could be moved blindly, by the efforts, of a few designing men

Institutions as well as individuals are judged by their actions, and so long as our Order adheres to its ancient landmarks, pursuing closely the line of its duty, and thus evincing its capacity as a great agent in the work of ameliorating the condition of man and of creating and sustaining the feeling of a common brotherhood, ignorance and fanaticism cannot affect it. It is from internal dissensions alone that any danger need be feared, and I regret to say that there are indications that this danger is at hand.

The proposition in various States to change the fundamental laws upon which State Grand Lodges are organized will be a fruitful source of discord, unless the principle be settled by your body. Under our present laws, every Past Grand in good standing is entitled to a seat in his State Grand Lodge. This is guaranteed to him as a reward for the labor performed in filling the different chairs in a Subordinate Lodge. It is proposed in some sections of the country to organize State Grand Lodges upon the representative system, representation in proportion to numbers, whilst in other sections there is already a system in operation by which, on many questions, a representative elected by his Lodge casts the vote of that Lodge, and other Past Grands are disfranchised. Two points are presented here, the decision of which will be of great importance to the Order 1st. Can a P. G. be cast out of a State Grand Lodge which he has entered as a member under the solemn guarantees of the organic law of that body, and under the stipulations made by the Grand Lodge of the United States? and 2nd. Can a system be adopted which in effect is the same, that is, that a P. G. may be disfranchised on certain questions, or that the voice of one P. G. may be made less in the body of his State Grand Lodge than that of his fellow-member who may be the special representative of his Lodge? I am satisfied that in some States it will be necessary to change the present system in order that the Grand Lodges may be reduced to a working number, but the difficulties involved in the two points presented, have appeared to me to be a bar to any better plan.

On the last day of the session of 1846, there was reported to the Grand Lodge by a special committee a form of funeral ceremony, processions, and regalia. The report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. So much of it as refers to regalia can, in my opinion, be viewed only as a proposed amendment to the 25th By-Law, and as such it could not legally be considered on the day it was presented. Accordingly I ruled that the 25th By-Law was still in full force, and that the regalia as therein defined was the only regalia known to the Order.

In accordance with the directions of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and the Grand Encampment of Michigan have been instituted. There have also been instituted under dispensations issued during the recess, Grand Encampments in Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and

Eleven Subordinate Lodges and ten Subordinate Encampments in Iowa, Wisconsin, Florida, Vermont, Delaware, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Mississippi; the petitions, returns, and other documents in relation to which, will be laid before you for final action.

From Iowa an application in due form for a Grand Lodge charter has been received and in view of the near approach of your session it was reserved for your decision. I take pleasure in recommending that the charter be granted, believing that the Order there is in safe hands, and that a Grand Lodge will be properly conducted.

An application for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge has been received from petitioners residing in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. The petitioners represent themselves to have been members of Lodges in New York, New Zealand, Liverpool, Doncaster and Hobart Town; and as all save one of the applicants hail from Lodges

unknown to the Order here, nothing could be done to forward the wishes of the petitioners. Among the papers accompanying the petition are copies of a correspondence had by the signers with P. G. Watson, who, it will be remembered, was furnished by the then D. D. G. S. of Massachusetts with a commission as D. D. G. S. of Oregon.

There will be presented to you for ratification, a dispensation issued by P. G. Watson, to certain brethren, residents of the same place, under which a Subordinate Lodge has been instituted. It is recommended that the act of P. G. Watson be legalized, and that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the Hawaiian Islands be recognized as a legitimate Lodge. By the instrumentality of that Lodge, if its institution be sanctioned, it is hoped that the benefits of Odd-Fellowship may be extended to a vast territory hitherto unoccupied by it.

As at present constituted, the Board of Grand Officers cannot, in my opinion, grant dispensations to open Lodges, but upon the application of five members with cards in possession. If it is deemed desirable to extend to foreign countries the blessings of American Odd-Fellowship, it will be necessary to vest in the officers of the Grand Lodge some discretionary power, by which the application of five members may be dispensed with, as it is scarcely possible, that at many points which it would be desirable to occupy, a sufficient number of qualified petitioners can ever be obtained. It will require an amendment to the By-Laws to accomplish this. I take leave to commend this subject to your attention, in the hope that you will adopt some plan by which the Grand Officers may be enabled to act.

On reference to the report of the Grand Secretary, it will be seen that the revenues of the past year have fallen far short of the previous year. There can be no doubt, however, that a strict enforcement of the present laws will produce a sufficient revenue to defray the necessary and proper expenditures of the Grand Lodge, and that an increase of direct taxation need not be resorted to. The representative tax alone forms but a small portion of the revenue, the principal part being derived from the sale of the work, odes, and diplomas. Notwithstanding the assertion by the Grand Lodge at the last session, of its sole right to print and publish the work, cards, odes, and diplomas, an individual member of the Order has continued, in violation of that right, to offer for sale a form of diploma, and in some sections of the Union portions of the Order have sustained him in that course. If the sources of revenue now in possession of the Grand Lodge be cut off, it will be requisite to resort to some other mode of raising a sufficient amount to meet its current expenses.

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of a Digest of the Laws of the Order will report at the present session. This important duty has been discharged in a manner worthy of the thanks of your body. Every law decision and usage bearing upon the government of the institution, as well as upon its internal affairs, have been sought out and arranged, so that any member of the Order may see at once his rights and duties. It is proposed to publish the report in such a form as that it may be placed in the hands of all, and that the Grand Lodge may be reimbursed the expense of its preparation.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has, by resolution, requested the appointment of a visitor to instruct in the work of the Order. It is feared by that body that errors have crept in, and it is desired to correct them if they do exist. That body represents that a brother qualified to represent it in this Grand Lodge at the present session could not be procured, and that it is deemed necessary that some one duly authorized should visit it. It is supposed that several new Lodges will be instituted during the coming year, and that the Order there, having surmounted the many difficulties with which it was surrounded, will now progress rapidly.

The same Grand body prays to be relieved from the payment of its indebtedness incurred previous to its removal from Houston to Galveston. It may not be known to the members of your body, that at the time of the removal the members of the G. Lodge of Texas, residing in Houston, and who were in possession of the books and effects of that body, refused to transfer them to the new officers; and that the efforts of the D. D. G. S. and of the Grand Master of Texas to obtain possession of them have been of no avail. Under the peculiar circumstances it would, in my opinion, be but justice to relieve that Grand Lodge from the claim alluded to.

At your last session I had the honor to report that in Arkansas the Order had been revived under favorable auspices, and I now have the satisfaction of reporting that the anticipations then entertained have been fully realized. The Lodges in existence there have done well, and the prospect of a further increase of Lodges, and of the application in a short time for a Grand Lodge charter is promising.

In consequence of the reclamation of the charters granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England, the members of Pioneer Lodge (the only one organized) have been thrown out of the pale of the Order, and are not in possession of any evidence that they have any claim to membership. P. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, who was a member of Pioneer Lodge, is now in this country, and is desirous of attaching himself to the Order. There is not, to my knowledge, either authority or precedent to warrant the Grand Officers in furnishing the facilities to enable brethren so situated to become members of other Lodges. Justice to those who, in good faith, undertook and labored for the extension of the sphere of Odd-Fellowship, requires that some plan should be adopted to relieve this class of brethren.

An appeal from the action of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, in the election of officers of that body on the 2nd of January last, signed by John W. Cleaper, and eight other members thereof, was presented to me in the month of July last. The appellants set forth that said election should have been held in accordance with the Constitution, on the 31st of December; that at that time a quorum not being present, the session was adjourned agreeable to rule, to the next day at the same hour and place; that there was then a general attendance of the officers and members of the body, and that the Grand Patriarch refused to open the session. They further represent that the G. P. then ordered a session for the following evening, at which time the election of officers was held. They claim that the election was illegal and void, for the reason that it should have been held at the constitutional time, and pray that the officers elected be restrained from discharging the duties of officers, and that justice be done in the premises. In the absence of any information from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, no action has been had, and the appeal is now submitted to your body in accordance with the desire of the appellants.

A charter, in conformity with the instructions of your body, was prepared and forwarded to "The Grand Lodge of British North America." By the terms of that charter that body was "erected into a distinct sovereignty, with power, in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within British North America, independent of this Grand Lodge," with certain reservations as therein set forth. That charter was accepted and "The Grand Lodge of British North America" was duly organized under it. No correspondence has been had between the authorities of that Grand body and the officers of this Grand Lodge.

Since your last session, the Order has sustained a great loss in the death of two of its most distinguished members. Grand Rep. Joseph Beardley, of the District of Columbia, and Grand Rep. D. J. Hoyt, of New Hampshire, have been called from among us to receive the reward of their labors. Having faithfully performed their duties here, we may humbly hope that their spirits are at rest.

The discussion of the internal affairs of our institution, by a portion of the public press, claiming to be the organs of Odd-Fellowship, will, I fear, be seriously detrimental to its best interests. Whilst I cheerfully accord to the brethren who have so zealously labored to extend the field of its influence, the purest motives, and freely acknowledge that they have accomplished much good, yet I am constrained by a sense of duty to say, that many erroneous constructions of law and usage have been, by means of that press, scattered abroad throughout this jurisdiction. The domestic relations of the institution, as well as the laws by which it is governed, have been made the subject of comment and controversy; paper has warred against paper, each enlisting in its support a portion of the Order; and discord has been fostered, if not created, where peace and harmony previously existed.

To the D. D. Grand Sires and special Deputies, I have been much indebted for the prompt and able manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective stations. And to D. D. Grand Sires John G. Potts, of Illinois and Iowa, Wm. Duane Wilson, of Wisconsin, and A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, the thanks of the Order are especially due, for the fidelity and zeal with which they have labored to forward the interests and to extend the sphere of Odd-Fellowship.

In concluding the last official communication that I shall probably be called upon to make, I deem it my duty, to urge respectfully upon you the importance of permanent laws and usages in an institution so vast and so wide-spread as ours. Sudden changes will ever cause much dissatisfaction among the great mass of our members, and much confusion in the administration of our affairs.

Fully assured that you will give all subjects that may be brought before you the most careful and mature consideration, and that your decisions will be such as the welfare of the Order demands,

I have the honor to be, in F., L. and T.,

THOS. SHERLOCK, *G. Sire.*

Baltimore, September 20, 1847.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the following order was adopted:

Resolved, That the Journal of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, be printed from day to day, for the use of the representatives.

On motion of Rep. Lilly, of N. J., the resolution directing the printing of five hundred extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report, was reconsidered, and on his further motion the number five hundred was stricken out and the number one thousand substituted.

On motion of Rep. De Saussure, of S. C., the Grand Sire's Report was referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the following as the committee: Rep. Jones, of Illinois, Day, of Ohio, and Clark, of N. J.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., presented the revised Constitution of G. L. of S. C., for the approval of the G. L. of U. S., which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was, on his motion, referred to the same committee.

Rep. Bain, of Va., submitted the Constitution of the G. Encampment of Va., which was, on his motion, referred to the same committee.

On motion of Rep. Yohe, of Pa., it was resolved that a committee be appointed, to report the unfinished business of last session. The Chair

named Reps. Yohe, of Pa., Anderson, of N. C., and Hough, of Va., as the committee.

Rep. Senter, of N. H. rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows :

It is with deep regret that I announce to the M. W. Grand Sire and the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, the death of P. G. Daniel J. Hoyt, late Representative of the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

During his connection with the Order, he ever manifested that zeal in promoting its blessings, which so endeared him to the fraternity, as to bestow upon him the highest gift of their esteem.

Though removed from his usefulness in this terrestrial Lodge, we receive comfort in the reflection, that he is enjoying the light of the celestial Lodge above. I beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Ruler of the Universe to remove from us, our late brother D. J. Hoyt, late Representative in this body—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States do duly sympathise with their brethren of New Hampshire, and the friends of our deceased brother, in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and the friends of our deceased brother be presented with a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., the resolutions proposed were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Sessford, of D. of C., rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

I rise, Most Worthy Grand Sire, to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of P. G. M. Joseph Beardsley, a Representative in this Grand Lodge at the session of 1846, and a Representative elect to the present session.

In making this announcement, Most Worthy Grand Sire, it is not my intention to detain you with an extended eulogy upon our deceased brother. He was one of the oldest members of the Order in the District of Columbia, and had been elevated by his brethren to the highest offices within their gift. None knew him but loved him for his kindness of heart, and devotion for and strict adherence to the principles of our beloved Order.

I submit the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Grand Master of the Universe, to remove from among us our late brother P. G. M. Joseph Beardsley, late a representative elect in this body, from the District of Columbia—

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathise with their brethren of the District of Columbia in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be entered upon the journal, and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Whereupon the resolutions proposed were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read, and on motion accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States :

The undersigned, the Committee on Petitions of this R. W. body, to whom were referred the petitions for the institution of Grand Encampments in the States of North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, together with the returns showing the institution of the same, would respectfully report, That the petitions and papers placed in the hands of the committee, show that the applications for Grand Encampments were regularly made, and dispensations issued by the M. W. Grand Sire in each case; and

that the Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia was regularly instituted on the 12th day of July, 1847, and the Grand Encampment of the State of Tennessee on the 21st day of July, 1847. Your Committee would further report, that they are not in possession of any official return from any officer authorised to institute the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, showing that the Grand Encampment of that State has been instituted; but they are informed, from undoubted authority, that the Grand Encampment of that State was regularly instituted on the 17th day of July, 1847, and the credentials of a Representative from that Grand Encampment to this body, under its seal, which displays that fact, are in the possession of the Grand Secretary of this body. We therefore recommend the ratification by this body of the dispensations issued in each instance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., it was resolved that a Standing Committee on appeals be appointed.

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Ellison, of Mass., Macdonough, of Mo., DeSaussure, of S. C.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Griffin, of Ga., Wells, of Mass., Stokes, of Pa.

Committee on Petitions.—Dwinelle, of N. Y., Chapman, of Ia., Kelly, of Va.

Committee on Finance.—McKinnell, of Ia., Anderson, of Ga., Wilson, of Wis.

Committee on Returns and Reports.—Morris, of Pa., Demick, of Conn., Ramsdell, of Mich.

Committee on Constitutions.—DeSaussure, of S. C., AtLee, of D. C., Brown, of Miss.

Committee on Correspondence.—Spooner, of Ohio, Haines, of Mo., Bain, of Va.

Committee on Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments not Represented.—Marshall, of Ky., Smith, of Tenn., Coffin, of N. Y.

Committee to Distribute Grand Sire's Report.—Jones, of Ill., Day, of Ohio, Clark, of N. J.

Committee on Appeals.—Torre, of S. C., Williamson, of Tenn., Parker, of N. H.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be directed to consider the expediency of extending the three months term for Subordinates.

Rep. Hough, of Va., submitted the following order, which was not agreed to.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge disapprove of the publication of its proceedings by the daily papers during the session.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, upon the subject of the six months term, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., it was ordered that five hundred copies of the daily journal be printed for the use of the Representatives.

Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That P. G. Rep. Wm. E. Parmenter, M. W. G. M. of Massachusetts, and a member of the Digest Committee, be invited to attend the sessions of this body, and that said brother and Grand Secretary Ridgely, be permitted to participate in its discussions on the Digest.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment hereafter have power to hold their sessions at such places as they may deem expedient, within their jurisdiction.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., to refer the subject to a special Committee, Rep. Stokes, of Pa., objected to the resolution as out of order, being in conflict with the Constitution—the Chair ruled the question to be in order—whereupon Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being put, “Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?” it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to refer the subject to a special Committee, it was agreed to. The Chair named Reps. Parker, of N. H., Lilly, of N. J., and Kerlin, of Ohio, as the Committee.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following enquiry, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Can the Grand Encampment, O. B. N. be administered to Past Officers of Subordinate Encampments, who are entitled to membership in Grand Encampments, in any other place than in the body of the Grand Encampment?

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will assemble for the transaction of business, daily, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and 4 o'clock, P. M.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the appeal of Montgomery Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., it was ordered, that the Grand Lodge will proceed to instruction in the work on Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to take into consideration, and as soon as may be, report to this Lodge their opinion on the propriety of changing the term of elective officers in Subordinate Lodges, from six months to one year.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present Thomas Sherlock, M. W. G. Sire, and the same Grand Officers as of the morning session.

The G. Secretary presented the appeal of P. G.'s Jno. W. Dwinelle and W. H. Jewett, of New York, from the decision of the Grand Master of New York; also appeal of Magnolia Lodge, Ohio; also protest of P. G. Dibb and others, members of the Grand Camp of South Carolina; also the memorial of Lilly of the Mound Lodge of Wisconsin; also the memorial of P. G. M. T. Benteen and others, of the G. Lodge of Virginia, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State; also petition and appeal of Lake Dunmore Lodge, Vermont; also the petition of Telulah Lodge, Arkansas, praying leave to change the night of session of said Lodge; also proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-

vania, on the six months term ; also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine on the same subject ; also various communications from P. Pr. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, England, now defunct, praying that the Grand Corresponding Secretary may be directed to issue to him a card of membership—which were severally read.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle that the appeal of the P. Grands of the State of New York lie on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

Whereupon the several appeals were referred to the Com. on Appeals.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., offered the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts ask "the decision of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S." as to their right so to amend the Constitution of Subordinates, as to make a scurllet member eligible to the office of N. G. after having served one term in any subordinate office.

Rep. Ellison, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report as correct the certificate of P. G. William Simons, Rep. from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
E. F. MACDONOUGH.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., presented the following memorial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, complaining of the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session touching the interest of said Grand Lodge.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The memorial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, unanimously approved in general meeting, respectfully represents :

That at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia suffered at its hands an act of injustice, to which it feels assured that it is only necessary to invite attention in order to obtain due reparation.

Covenant Lodge, within the District of Columbia, having, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, assumed a position of insubordination incompatible with the harmony and well-being of our Order, this Grand Lodge deemed it just and expedient to pass an act of suspension against the said Lodge.

Covenant Lodge thereupon petitioned this Grand Lodge for the privilege of taking an appeal to your honorable body, which was refused because the said Lodge had not complied with the law and usages of the Order, in delivering her effects into the keeping of the Grand Lodge.

But, although Covenant Lodge had thus apparently elected to forego the right of appeal rather than accede to the reasonable requirement of this G. Lodge, this body was surprised to hear, at the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that, contrary to the Law and the Constitution, an appeal from the members of said Lodge had been received and acted upon by your honorable body, adverse to the rights and interests of this Grand Lodge, and entirely without its consent or knowledge.

It is against the constitutionality of this act on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in entertaining an appeal under the circumstances of the case referred to, that the Grand Lodge of the District of

Columbia respectfully but solemnly protests, as being a violation of the rights and privileges guarantied to her by the compact by which this Order is united and governed, and to which every Grand Lodge is necessarily a party.

The provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States which relates to the subject of this memorial and appeal to the justice of your honorable body originally stood in the following words :

"It [the Grand Lodge of the United States] is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred, and its decisions thereon shall be final and conclusive; and, with the consent of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District, or Territory, may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

The first decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States occurred in the year 1825, and is recorded at page 76 of the [present revised] official edition of the Journal. It was in the case of the presentation of *petitions* from certain Lodges in Philadelphia, complaining that a Brother had been unjustly dealt with. On that occasion the Grand Lodge of the United States adopted the following resolutions :

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States has no jurisdiction in the case presented before it.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of each State only has the power of referring any case, however important, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"Resolved, That Washington Lodge No. 2, and Wayne Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia, must present their petitions to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Again, at an adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in August, 1834, a petition was presented from a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, *who had been tried without opportunity of defence*; which petition was referred and acted upon by restoring the member to his privileges in the Order that he might have a "fair and impartial hearing." Just and proper as this decision may appear, it was nevertheless reconsidered at the regular session, in less than two months afterwards, and the following courteous and conciliatory judgment was formally expressed, (page 170 :)

"Representative Keyser, of Maryland, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

"Whereas the first article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge declares that *with the consent of the Grand Lodge of a State*, this Grand Lodge may entertain an appeal from a Subordinate Lodge from the decision of its State Grand Lodge; and whereas this appeal of C. B. F. Oneal was made without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Therefore,

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge *has no authority to act* in the case of C. B. F. Oneal's appeal. But, as by the report of the committee, it appears that there may be some foundation for the complaint made by the petitioner, it be earnestly requested of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that they grant the petitioner a re-hearing; and as this Lodge has full confidence that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is equally desirous with themselves to do justice to all men, they entertain no doubt but, on such re-hearing, every object will be obtained which the committee desire by their report."

At the Session of 1840, on page 338, is the record of an appeal from Columbia Lodge of Maryland, *by permission of the State Grand Lodge*, which was duly referred and decided.

Again, at page 387, of the Session of 1841, we find the following proceedings and decision :

" Representative Taylor, of Ohio, offered to present to the consideration of the Grand Lodge a paper in the nature of an appeal from sundry German brethren of that State, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in reconsidering the grant of a charter to them and rejecting the same.

" Representative Neilson objected to the reception of the communication, *on the ground that the Grand Lodge of the United States could not entertain jurisdiction of an appeal from the decision of a State Grand Lodge, without its assent had thereto.*

" The Chair overruled the objection at this time, and directed the paper to be read, whereupon

" On motion of Representative Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

" Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their appeal, and that they be informed that this Grand Lodge cannot constitutionally entertain the same without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Ohio."

Again, on page 542, it being the Session of 1843, is recorded the following proceeding :

" The Grand Sire presented the appeal of several Lodges of the State of Massachusetts against the decision of the Grand Lodge of the State, *which being made without the assent of the State Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution, he stated could not be reversed.*

" Whereupon, on motion of Representative Stokes, of Pennsylvania, the petitioners obtained leave to withdraw their appeal."

Again, on page 578, at the same Session, is the following report and decision in another case of informal appeal :

" The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of William D. Craft, of New York, beg leave to report *that the same is informal, it being presented without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York*, and do therefore recommend its return to the source from which it emanated."

Again, at the same Session, on page 585 :

" The Grand Sire presented the appeal of Travellers' Rest Lodge, of Missouri, against the decision of the Grand Lodge, *made without its assent* ; which, on motion of Representative Kneass, of Pennsylvania, *was not received, it not being in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.*"

Although, in some of the preceding cases, a question might arise as to the propriety of thus denying appeals unless they had the sanction of the State Grand Lodge, yet a little reflection must satisfy every one that the policy was not inconsiderately adopted ; for, if such appeals were freely admitted, the State Grand Lodge would in most cases be an *absent party*, from the impossibility of citing her to appear during a brief session of five or six days, or of obtaining from her, within that time, the record on which she relied for her defence. In order to obviate this difficulty, and to do ample justice to both parties in all cases of extreme penalty, one of the Representatives of this District during the Session of 1843 proposed

to amend the Constitution by adding thereto the following, which will be found at page 590 :

"In all cases where, on account of misunderstanding or other cause, a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall deem it necessary to expel an entire Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the business of such Lodge or Encampment shall be thereupon suspended, and all its working properly secured in the same manner as is now provided for ; but the penalty shall not be carried into full effect until the act of expulsion be confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States ; before which body the subject must be brought, and be by it determined at its first regular Session thereafter, provided sufficient time shall intervene after the vote of expulsion to enable the Representative of the State Grand Lodge or Encampment to reach the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

This amendment, which conveys notice to both parties to submit their case and defence within a stated time, came up for consideration at the Session of 1844, and was rejected by a vote of yeas 16 to nays 23, on the ground, mainly, as we have been informed, that its adoption would be an improper interference with the State Grand Lodges, in constraining them to answer appeals.

The Grand Lodge of the United States thus determined to adhere to its former usage ; and accordingly we find, at page 668 of the Journal of 1844, the following report and decision :

"The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Benteen P. G. M., and others, praying that this body would reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, made at its annual communication in April last, beg leave to report that *the petition has not received the assent of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. They, therefore, beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.*"

At the session of 1845 (see the Journal at page 749) an amendment of the Constitution was adopted which materially modified the conditions on which Subordinate Lodges can send up appeals. This amendment is in the following words, to be inserted immediately after the extract from the Constitution first above cited :

"Such consent, however, not being necessary in a case when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, *after having delivered up its effects*, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

It does not appear that any irregular appeals received formal action at the Session of 1845 ; but coming down to the last Session, (that of 1846) there is upon record the following, which took place in the forenoon of *Wednesday, September 23rd* :

"The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the memorial of certain Past Grands of the State of New York, and the counter memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of that State, in relation to a proposed change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, have considered the subject, and report :

"That they are of the opinion that the appeal cannot be entertained by this body for the following reasons :

"1st. *Because the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State, required by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge in all cases of appeal from the decision of the State Grand Bodies, does not appear to have been obtained.*

"2d. *Because the Constitution or Laws of this Grand Lodge do not recognize the right of*

any individual or number of individuals to appeal to this body from any decision made by the State Grand Lodges

"3d. *Because this Grand Lodge, by repeated decisions at its last annual Session, refused to grant any such privilege, either with or without the consent of the State Grand Lodges.*

"The Committee therefore recommend that the appellants have leave to withdraw their appeal.

On the motion to adopt this report it was decided in the affirmative by a vote of more than two to one. The yeas and nays being required, they are recorded as follows :

YEA—Representatives Alsop, Baldwin, Bayley, Beardsley, Cook, De Saussure, Drew, Egan, Ellison, Foadick, Greenwood, Hoyt, Judson, (2 votes.) Kneass, McIntyre, MacRae, Moore, Morris, Neally, (2 votes.) Page, Parker, (2 votes.) Patterson, Reid, Robinson, Salomon, Searfoss, Seymour, Smith, Stuart, Stokes, Thomas, Thompson, White, Wood, P. G. S. Willey, P. G. S. Hopkins—31

NOY—Day, Dunkin, Garvin, Gilley, Glenn, Griffin, McNairy, Marley, Marshall, Parmenter, Roper, Taylor, Veitch, Wadsworth, Watson, (2 votes.) Weld, Whitney—18.

Again, in the forenoon of the NEXT DAY, (*Thursday, the 24th September, 1846.*) there is another report and decision as follows :

"The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of George W. Hopkins from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, confirming the expulsion of said Hopkins from De Kalb Lodge, have considered the subject, and report :

"*That although the sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina was granted to the appeal of Hopkins, the Committee are of opinion that it cannot be entertained by this body for the reason that this body does not recognize the right or privilege of individuals to appeal to it.*" And the Committee report a resolution directing that George W. Hopkins have leave to withdraw his papers.

Now, notwithstanding the series of consistent decisions by the Grand Lodge of the United States herein recited, extending over a number of years, we respectfully submit that on the afternoon of *Wednesday, the 24th of September*, ONLY SEVERAL HOURS SUBSEQUENT TO RECORDING THE ABOVE VOTE OF MORE THAN TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF THE UNIFORM PRACTICE, the case in which this Grand Lodge was literally an ABSENT PARTY was admitted, contrary to the remonstrance of its Representatives, and in the face of constitutional provisions so perfectly plain as never before to have led to a conflicting decision upon them. Why, in this case alone, the appeal of a *body of refractory members* was entertained and acted upon, when, *on the same day*, a similar request from a number of Past Grands, *in good standing*, was refused by the decisive vote of 39 to 18, is not for your memorialists to conjecture. They feel satisfied that no sufficient reason can be assigned why the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was not as much entitled to the protection of your Constitution as the Grand Lodge of New York, or any other Grand Lodge ; neither do they know of any reason why *individuals* petitioning from this District, even if their standing were equally fair, should have a privilege accorded to them that has been uniformly denied to others ; and therefore the proceeding of which they complain, involving as it does a violation of the General Constitution in a matter where its purposes are too evident to admit of doubt, cannot fail to attract the attention of the entire Order. If any part of the Constitution be exceptionable, let it be amended, but let it not be disregarded to accomplish any object, however laudable, lest such a proceeding shall serve as a precedent for some future act of wrong and violence

that might jeopard the confidence, the harmony, and unity of sentiment which has hitherto characterized our association.

On hearing of the legislation of the last Session by which the privileges of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia were invaded, your memorialists, unwilling to abandon the confidence which they have always reposed in the justice and wisdom of the Parent Body, directed their attention to the origin of this partial and unjust legislation. This was found to consist of a memorial contained in two separate documents, (one a printed pamphlet and the other a written paper,) so ingeniously and boldly drawn, as, in the absence of counter testimony, to command much more credit from the members of your honorable body than it was entitled to—an averment which your memorialists, without going into detail in refutation of its many erroneous statements, will substantiate in a manner as concise as possible, by contrasting a portion of its contents with the facts which it pretends to set forth.

The *printed* memorial, or pamphlet, professing to be a “Statement of Facts relative to the Suspension of Covenant Lodge,” and which was circulated amongst the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States early in the last Session, opens in the following imposing style :

“The memorialists desire to state, in the outset, that they intend to adhere to and base all their statements upon the eternal and safe principle of truth, and that, having done so, they will humbly but confidently commit their cause to that wisdom, moderation, and justice which they sincerely believe influence and actuate, in an eminent degree the majority of the members of the **GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES**. We approach you as men confident in our integrity and rectitude, both as it regards our intercourse with the world at large and the more intimate association which we have enjoyed with those we have considered our brethren. We profess to have as much intelligence, as much regard for law, to have been as eminent in deeds of charity and benevolence, as well to have sustained and carried out on every proper occasion the principles of our Order, to have been as a Lodge as harmonious, and to have possessed one another's confidence to as great an extent, as have in any of these particulars our sister Lodges of the District.

“Of what then, it may be asked, has this Lodge been found guilty? This is the answer, ‘of insubordination;’ or, rather, it has been so declared, but the charge has neither been sustained nor proved. This Lodge, which has in such ample extent fulfilled its duties, both in its collective and individual capacity, has been charged with ‘insubordination,’ and in consequence thereof has been deprived of its warrant, and thus cut off from the privileges and benefits of the Order. It will be for you to determine, and to your decision we will most humbly and cheerfully submit, whether we have been guilty of any act of ‘insubordination,’ and if so, whether it was of so flagrant and aggravated a character as to merit the harsh and extreme punishment which was awarded and received.

“We feel a great reluctance to obtrude ourselves upon your time and patience, but we claim your attention as brethren, injured, and it may be crushed, but still as devoted to the same principles and ardent in the same cause as are any of you. We regard ourselves as deeply wronged, and while we will endeavor to be as brief as possible, we shall find it necessary, in order to a full understanding of our grievance, to revert to some extent to other circumstances not immediately connected with, but yet having such a bearing on this question as will be useful to you, it may be, in determining it, and, as we believe, to our satisfaction.”

Such is the beginning of the statement by Covenant members, which is certainly well devised to impress the reader with a full sense of the conscientiousness with which the memorialists approached him. It then proceeds in its averments, apparently endeavoring to create the belief that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, being located in Washington, was guilty of the short-sighted and suicidal policy of desiring to suppress the Order in Georgetown, and that, a charter having been granted to Covenant Lodge against the wishes of the Washington members, they had subsequently seized upon every occasion to persecute those who were enjoying its privileges. This, with a view, it would seem, to excite the sympathies of the body petitioned in behalf of what was represented to be a deeply-wronged Lodge, appears to be the point to which a large part of the memorial is more especially directed. But we will let this pamphlet again speak for itself. It says:

"To show that some unaccountable hostility has existed towards the members of this Lodge from the beginning, we submit an isolated fact, and leave the Grand Lodge of the United States to make its own deduction. Covenant Lodge, No. 13, petitioned for a charter in the winter of 1843. The petitioners consisted of some of our most respectable citizens. No Lodge had been in existence in our town for eight or ten years. There had previously existed two Lodges here, which, for reasons not necessary to name, had forfeited their charters. Among the applicants for the charter above referred to for Covenant Lodge, were four persons only who had been members of one or other of the above named defunct Lodges, and among these was the name of the present Grand Master of the District of Columbia; the others were members then in good standing in Lodges in the city of Washington, though residing in Georgetown. We state these facts which no one will pretend to deny; and now we ask what reasonable ground of objection could be urged against granting a charter to a certain number of respectable men, in a town with a population of eight thousand inhabitants, where there was no Lodge, and had not been one for ten years, while there were six in active operation in the city of Washington, but three short miles distant? Yet there was objection, and objection of such a character that it was with the GREATEST difficulty that the charter was obtained; yet, by the personal exertion of the applicants, who traversed the eastern part of Washington, (Navy Yard,) where less hostility had been manifested than in the more central part of the city, and also the town of Alexandria, (where, to their honor be it said, they have always received us like brethren, and even in our misfortunes have clung to us with a nobleness of soul that is worthy of the name they bear, and for which we shall always feel grateful,) they succeeded in obtaining the attendance of the requisite number of Past Grands for securing the granting of a charter. This hostility on the part of our Washington brethren, which commenced with our being, has continued to grow and manifest itself, as we have stated above, whenever an opportunity has occurred to call it into action. For this hostility, commenced in our incipency, we can give no reason—no more can we for that which has grown with our growth and strengthened with our strength."

And in such a strain of naked assertion does the pamphlet continue to indulge, occupying much more space than your present memorialists can devote to its consideration. It says that Covenant Lodge has on several occasions come into collision with the Grand Lodge of the District, but thinks the fault rested altogether with the Grand Lodge, and charges that body with reversing the decisions of Covenant Lodge when principle was involved, "and upon questions on which the Lodge had passed with

a *unanimous* voice." One such case being particularized, (at too great length to be here quoted,) the pamphlet "deems it unnecessary to revert to other cases;" and it is therein carefully recorded that, when the Grand Master demanded of the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge its books, papers, jewels, &c.—

"The Lodge was immediately convened, the fact was stated, and by a unanimous vote the Noble Grand was requested, so soon as a transcript of the proceedings touching the present case could be made, to deliver to the Grand Master the books, papers, &c. **THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DONE.**"

And after the pamphlet, *which was anonymous*, and as positive in all its assertions as in the part we have cited, had been in possession of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States sufficiently long to be read and digested, on the third day of the Session its contents were endorsed by seventy-eight members of Covenant Lodge, in a *written* memorial, of which the following is a copy:

"To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F.:

"The undersigned memorialists, late members of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I O O F. of the District of Columbia, respectfully represent: That Covenant Lodge was, for insufficient reasons, as your memorialists believe, suspended on the 12th day of August last, and her charter withdrawn, by the action of the said Grand Lodge; and that, in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States requiring it, they presented an appeal to that body against said action, for its approval, on the evening of the 14th instant, (September,) for the purpose of bringing the subject before your honorable body, which approval, though said appeal was respectful in terms, and merely stated the facts of the case, the said Grand Lodge refused to grant, *on the ground that Covenant Lodge had failed to comply with the last requisition of the Grand Lodge, by withholding certain property held by said Covenant Lodge*, whereas Covenant Lodge did strictly conform to the law of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, *by delivering to the Grand Master every description of property specified therein*. Having failed to obtain the ratification of said appeal, your memorialists are compelled to apply to you by the only means left them, and they respectfully ask that you will give the subject a calm and deliberate examination. For a full explanation of the subject they beg leave to refer you to the accompanying printed '*Statement of Facts*,' and your memorialists will ever pray.

Joseph Libbey, P. G.

J. H. Craig,

W. H. Craig, P. G.

Joseph F. Birch,

Henry M. Hurdle,

Francis A. Lutz, P. G.

John W. Bronaugh,

Charles Myers, P. G.

J. A. Morgan,

Jos. S. Semmes, P. G.

William Sullivan,

Joseph Reynolds,

Wm. H. Marll,

G. H. Hopkins,

William E. Myers,

Robert Ould,

Daniel S. Grove, P. G.

John Bying,

George Austler,

Wm. Bradshaw,

Henry Robner, P. G.

John Easton,

L. Unger,

G. W. Drew,

J. A. Newman,

Edward Godey,

Geo. S. Niell,

Alfred Tippet,

Ralph Colborn,

Thos. Jewell, P. G.

H. Addison,

G. T. Hilleary,

George Chamberlain,

Robert Griffin,

John Hughes,

Robert Morris,

Robert Hughes,

Wm. J. Hall,

James A. Barnes, P. G.

John Fisher,

Wm. H. Simms,

Samuel Kelley,

Horatio Beall,

J. R. Pleasants,

Walter Godey,

Alex. E. Beall,
Samuel Sullivan,
Caleb Sebastian,
Joseph Libbey, Jr.
C. H. Rodier,
Joseph Nicholson,
W. F. Seymour,
Thomas Probey,
Benjamin Bohen,
H. W. Edwards,
Wm. Godey,

A. L. Settle, Sec'y.
James R. Rodier,
Wm. Shanks,
John Payne,
Hugh Caperton, Jr.
N. Thos. Browning, P. G.
George Craig,
George Harrison,
Samuel Sullivan,
Geo. M. Sothoron, P. G.
W. H. Tenney,

John C. Kropfhisser,
Esau Pickrell,
Peter Berry,
Henry Payne,
Philip Meig,
Hiram U. Wadsworth,
D. W. Oyster,
W. Lang,
Samuel Drury,
Wm. Lightfoot,
Geo. Weisinger.

Your present memorialists cannot reconcile it with their sense of propriety to trespass upon the time and patience of your honorable body by entering upon a general review of these remarkable documents. Enough is cited to exhibit the spirit as well as the averments on which the petitioners relied to make out their case; and which in the absence of this Grand Lodge, or of any opportunity for it to be heard, proved sufficient to mislead the minds of those whose office it was to pass judgment in the premises.

To know, from its action, that such statements obtained the confidence of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that they were effectual to accomplish a great wrong to the Grand Lodge of this District, imposes on your present memorialists the duty of producing record evidence in answer to charges so gravely and injuriously set forth and published; and this shall be done in a manner to avoid all unnecessary comment, and occupy no more of your time than is required to state the facts.

First, then, in regard to the opposition which the members of Covenant Lodge represent themselves to have encountered in obtaining their charter—all the details of which are so circumstantially stated, and made the basis of vituperation and defamation of the Grand Lodge of this District.

Your present memorialists have carefully examined the record, and find that Jonathan Lodge, of Georgetown, surrendered her charter on the 6th of July, 1839, and that Covenant Lodge was chartered on the 10th of April, 1843, leaving an interregnum of the Order in Georgetown of only three years and nine months, instead of ten years, as asserted by Covenant members.

They also find that the vote by which the charter of Covenant Lodge was granted was very nearly two to one, being 34 yeas to 18 nays, as follows:

YEAS.—*From the East.*—A. G. Herold, Thos. March, Chas. Gordon, W. B. Inch, C. H. Venable, Thos. Kelly, Samuel Nelson, J. W. Furguson, J. D. Bland, S. H. Marks, J. Hall, J. Kliedenst, (12.) *From Central Washington.*—W. H. Burdine, H. Lee, J. G. Edmonson, J. T. Walker, J. W. Watson, Joseph Beardsley, J. C. McKelden, Thomas Mitchell, G. Powell, John Sessford, Jr., R. Waters, T. R. Gray, J. M. Jamison, S. Stettinius, J. T. Towers, Owen Summers, Thomas Owens, U. Hurst, (18.) *From Alexandria.*—H. M. Steele, B. E. Buchanan, (2.) *From West End, adjoining Georgetown.*—J. E. Serrin, H. Gatton, (2.)—**TOTAL 34.**

NAYS.—*From the East.*—Joseph Padgett, G. Grant, Jas. Ferguson, Wm. Tucker, P. M. Pearson, (5.) *From Central Washington.*—E. Edmonston, W. W. Stewart, Joseph Stephenson, T. C. Donn, J. T. Clements, R. B. Griffin, Wm. Lloyd, D. C. Read, J. B.

Clarke, J. B. Ford, (10.) *From Alexandria*.—Henry Cryss, (1.) *From West End, adjoining Georgetown*.—Charles Calvert and Thomas Farquhar, (2.)—TOTAL 18.

A glance at the above vote, which is classified according to the sectional divisions of the District, will disclose the fact that the Washington members, both Central and Eastern, were nearly two to one in favor of granting the charter, and that, if none of the other sections had been represented, the Central members alone would have granted it by nearly two to one.

It also discloses that the charter was *not* obtained "with the greatest difficulty," and that the "traversing of the Eastern part of Washington," and "the town of Alexandria," in order to obtain votes to secure it, was entirely unnecessary.

It may be further observed, that, notwithstanding the high eulogium bestowed upon the members of Alexandria, in contrasting their friendly disposition with the hostility of those of Washington, only *three* of the former attended, after being, as it would seem, most urgently solicited to do so, and *one* of these voted against the charter. The vote of the West End, separated from Georgetown only by a creek, was tied.

In view of these facts, what foundation is there for the charge made against the Washington members of being hostile to the Order in Georgetown?

We next come to the charge made against your present memorialists of having disregarded the unanimous decisions of Covenant Lodge. We know of but *one* such case, and that was the case of appeal from a member who had been expelled without having notice of the charges against him, or of the committee appointed to investigate them, or of the time and place of meeting of the committee, or any other opportunity to defend himself. This proceeding of Covenant Lodge was not sustained by this Grand Lodge, nor do your memorialists believe it would have been sustained by any other Grand Lodge in the country. The vote here was unanimous upon it, excepting only *one* vote from Washington and *five* from the Covenant members. As to the "other cases" which the Covenant members "deem it unnecessary to revert to," we know not why the phrase is used unless to round off a period. At all events we know nothing of any other case where the unanimous decision of their Lodge was reversed on appeal.

And now we reach the most important point—that averment contained in both the written and printed documents, on the correctness of which rested the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to entertain the Covenant petition—namely, *that their Lodge had surrendered its effects*. We meet these assertions by presenting the official papers which relate to them.

The following are the proceedings of Covenant Lodge on the night of which they bear date, as copied from her record book :

"GEORGETOWN, August 13, 1846,

"Covenant Lodge, No. 13.

"The Lodge met pursuant to a public call, when N. G. Sangster informed the Lodge that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia had, on Wednesday evening, *suspended indefinitely* Covenant Lodge, No. 13, and that he had been requested by the Grand Master of the District to demand of this Lodge her charter, books, &c.

"P. G. Drury was called to the chair.

"P. G. Jewell offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

"Resolved, That the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., *suspended*, be requested

to deliver to the Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia, the charter, working books, and such other articles as were received from said Grand Lodge.
"Attest,
A. L. SETTLE, Secretary."

The following is an extract from the official report of the Noble Grand of Covenant Lodge. It is dated on the 31st of August, nineteen days after the act of suspension:

"GEORGETOWN, D. C., August 31, 1846.

"To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Members
of the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the District of Columbia:

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—Covenant Lodge, No. 13, of Georgetown, D. C., of which I was N. G., being suspended by your R. W. body, and a demand having been made upon me for the books, charter, &c., by the chief executive of the Order in the District of Columbia, and not being able fully to comply with such a demand, I ask leave to submit the following as a statement of facts and circumstances, as they occurred, with such other remarks as may suggest themselves as I pass along:

"Early on Thursday morning, the 13th instant, I called on Brother A. L. Settle, Secretary, for the books, papers, &c., in his possession, and he replied that he should not give them up unless by a vote of the Lodge. I next called on Brother Caleb Sebastian, (Steward,) for the keys, when he stated that they had been handed over to the proper authorities. Supposing he meant the Trustees, I called on them, neither of whom had the keys. I then learned that P. G. Myers had them. I then called on P. G. Myers for them, and stated my object in wishing to obtain them: and his reply was that he could not give them up, as they wished to hold a meeting that evening, after which he would give them up to the Lodge. I then called on Brother H. M. Hurdle, Treasurer, who stated he was ready to comply with the requisition as soon as he could get his book from the Finance Committee. On the evening of the same day we held a meeting, when I took the chair, called the meeting to order, and explained the condition of the Lodge, and what the demand of the Grand Master was, and what was my duty as N. G., and what my obligation and the constitution that I had pledged my most sacred honor to support and enforce required at my hands: and then in open meeting made the demand according to the constitution and laws of the Order, and at the same time read the constitution and a part of my obligation touching that point, and hoped the Lodge would give them up in good faith, and not resist the demand of the Grand Lodge, and then left the chair."

"(The letter then states the proceedings which took place, which are above copied from the record book, and then proceeds:)

"And now, in presenting the seal of the Lodge, together with the Secretary's and Treasurer's books (all that I shall be able to obtain of Covenant Lodge,) it is gratifying for me to say that, although all the Brothers on whom I made the demand, except Brother Hurdle, refused to comply with such demand, yet they all acted kindly, politely, and brotherly, and only refused upon the ground that they believed the Grand Lodge had not gone according to their constitution and laws of the Order, and, to say the least, had acted hastily and unfeelingly with Covenant Lodge."

"CHAS. F. SANGSTER,

"N. G. of Covenant Lodge, suspended."

The following is the testimony of the Grand Master of this District, *three months after the suspension*, (and subsequently to the adjournment of your last session,) which corresponds with his previous report to this Grand Lodge:

"MONDAY, November 16, 1846.

"SIR AND BROTHER.—Your note of the 14th instant has been received, in which you say: 'Will you have the goodness to state for the information of the committee to whom the subject is referred, the precise number and nature of the articles surrendered by Covenant Lodge at the time of her suspension.' In reply I have to state that Covenant Lodge did, a few days (precise time I do not recollect) after her suspension, deliver to the then N. G., Charles F. Sangster, and by him turned over to me, the following, viz:

"The charter without the frame; the seal; two working books; two degree books; record book No. 2. (No. 1 retained by the members of said Lodge.) and Treasurer's book, without money or vouchers, which I believe comprises every article that said Lodge did surrender."

"The above information is from memory, and perhaps may be relied on, yet it would be safer perhaps to get the information from Brother Donn, who doubtless took an inventory, as they were deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

"Respectfully yours, in F., L. and T.,

LEVIN JONES, G. M.

"I hereby certify that I have examined the above list of enumerated articles surrendered by Covenant Lodge, and find it correct as per minutes.

"THOMAS C. DONN, Grand Secretary.

Covenant Lodge was in possession of all the necessary regalia, emblems, and furniture pertaining to a respectable Lodge, and had besides surplus money in her treasury. The above official papers show what was surrendered. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which is the paramount law applicable to the case, in designating what shall be surrendered, uses the word EFFECTS, which signifies proper-

ty of every description. We respectfully submit to your honorable body whether this law was complied with, and whether, without such compliance, the petition against which we now remonstrate was justly and properly entertained.

On this issue, the only one which your memorialists now present, they flatter themselves that no member of your honorable body can hesitate in his opinion. They have no desire further to agitate this subject than is demanded by respect for themselves and a just regard for the rights of their Grand Lodge, as well as of the Order generally, whose guaranteed privileges they believe to have been unlawfully assailed through them.—Neither have they the remotest desire to open the question between this Grand Lodge and Covenant Lodge. Having promptly complied with the mandate which the Grand Lodge of the United States thought proper to issue in the premises, and having had no cause to regret such compliance, the only objects of your present memorialists are, to place the subject before you and the Order at large in its true light, and to repel the unjust imputations contained in the report of your committee, which was confirmed by a vote of your honorable body. Your memorialists deem this to be an imperative duty, and they have not hesitated to perform it frankly and fully, and at the same time respectfully; and, having done so, they will content themselves with whatever action may be had on the subject, fully satisfied that the *impartial* investigator after *Truth* will have *Charity* sufficient to do them *Justice*—and with this they will be satisfied.

Unanimously approved in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia on this 18th day of September, 1847, and ordered to be laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States; also, that copies thereof be transmitted to the respective Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the United States.

[S. S.] Attest: JOSEPH BORROWS, *Grand Master*
 THOMAS C. DONN, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. Afron, of Ala., presented various memorials of Subordinate Lodges in favor of and counter to the removal of the seat of government of the Grand Lodge of that State, and the resolutions of Cahawba Lodge of that State upon the six months law; also, the memorial of P. G. Salomon, of Ala., against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the memorial of P. G. Salomon was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion, the residue of the memorials were referred to the same committee.

Rep. Jones, of Illinois, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Sire, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend the following distribution for adoption, viz:

That so much of the report as relates to "propositions in various State Grand Lodges to change the fundamental laws upon which State Grand Lodges are organized," be referred to a select committee of five.

So much as refers to the institution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and Grand

and Subordinate Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge, since its last session, be referred to the Committee on Petitions and Returns.

So much as refers to petitions for the institution of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Grand and Subordinate Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

So much as refers to a dispensation issued by P. G. Watson, be referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order*.

So much as refers to an amendment of the By-Laws of this G. Lodge, in relation to petitions for chartering Subordinate Lodges, be referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order*.

So much as refers to the revenue of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

So much as refers to a request of the Grand Lodge of Texas, be referred to the Committee on unrepresented Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

So much as refers to the reclamation of the charters granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges, in England, be referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order*.

So much as refers to an appeal from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, in relation to elections, be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

So much as refers to the Grand Lodge of British North America, be referred to a Special Committee.

So much as refers to the discussion of the internal affairs of our institution, be referred to a select committee.

S. S. JONES,
D. T. CLARK,
ALBERT G. DAY.

G. Secretary presented the reports of D. D. G. Sire, which on motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., was referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order*.

Rep. Bain, of Va., submitted the following, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order* :

Is it according to the laws of the Order for a Noble Grand, or Chief Patriarch, under any circumstances, to give the A. T. P. to any other than a member of his own Lodge or Encampment?

Can an individual belong to an Encampment in one State, and a Lodge in another, there being a Lodge and Encampment in each place?

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the *State of the Order* :

I. O. O. F., R. W. Grand Encampment of S. C.

Extract from the minutes of the Annual Communication held at Charleston, S. C., on January 2, 1847.

— WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. I. O. O. F., at its session in September, 1846, passed the following resolutions :

— *Resolved*, That the granting of a withdrawal card by a Subordinate Lodge, to one of its members who is also member of an Encampment, has the effect of severing at once the connection with his Encampment; but on the renewal of his membership in a Subordinate Lodge, his membership in his Encampment is thereby renewed. *Provided*, such renewal shall occur within one month from the date of such withdrawal card."—p. 352. *And whereas* it would appear from the said resolution to be obligatory upon such member to again become attached to an Encampment of Patriarchs, therefore, *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representative of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of U. S. at its next session, be instructed to enquire whether such is the construction to be placed upon the said resolution : Whether such member by the renewal of membership in a Subordinate Lodge, is obliged to become a member of his Encampment again, although against his desire so to do, and whether he must under such circumstances apply to his Encampment for a withdrawal card before his connection therewith will be severed."

True extract from the minutes.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE, *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion referred to a Select Committee. The Chair named Griffin, of Ga., Ellison, of Mass., Moore of D. of C. as the Committee.

R. W. Grand Encampment of South Carolina, I. O. O. F.

Extract from the minutes of the semi-annual communication, held at Charleston, South Carolina, on June 30, 1847.

"On motion the R. W. Grand Representative was directed to communicate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, that in the opinion of this Grand Encampment the establishment of an educational system is inexpedient."

True extract from the minutes.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can the Constitution of a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, or an amendment thereto be valid unless the same be submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

Rep. Jones, of Illinois, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were read and adopted. The Chair named on the committee, MacRae, of N. C., Simons, of R. I., Lilly, of N. J.

WHEREAS the G. Lodge of the State of Illinois, at its last annual session, passed a resolution removing the Grand Lodge of that State from Springfield to the city of Peoria, provided the Subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge of the United States concur therein; and whereas several of such Subordinate Lodges have concurred in such removal, by petitioning this G. Lodge for the same; and whereas, certain other of said Subordinate Lodges have remonstrated against said removal, therefore,

Resolved, That said petitions and remonstrances, together with the action of said Grand Lodge, be referred to a special committee of three

Rep. Neally, of Maine, presented the Constitution of Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the subject of education, which was referred to the Committee already named on that subject.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, on the subject of Education, which was referred to the same committee.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, on the same subject, which, on his motion, was referred to the same committee.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the revised Constitution of Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. AtLee, of District of Columbia, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, which was read and referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of Indiana, praying for a Grand Encampment in that State, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Anderson, of N. C., presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was read, and on his motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, May 10, 1847.

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States thought proper, at its last annual session, to change the term of service for Officers of Subordinate Lodges from three to six months. And whereas, the said alteration was made without any previous expression of opinion from the members of Subordinate Lodges, without being called for by any irregularity in the working of the old

system or dissatisfaction with the three months term; and whereas, we believe it will operate injuriously to the Order in this State,—therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge be instructed to urge the repeal of the law requiring six months terms, and a return to the ancient usage of the Order—three months terms.

Rep. Brown, of Miss., presented the petition of the Subordinate Encampments of that State, praying for a Grand Encampment, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report on the expediency of abolishing the use of prayers, in conferring degrees in Subordinate Encampments.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of so changing the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States as to provide that they shall hereafter be held at the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rep. Ellison of Mass., presented the petition of Alfred Mudge, of Mass., praying indemnity for losses sustained by him, by reason of the law of the last Session, forbidding the publication of the Ode, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Lilly, of N. J., the claim of Bro. Taylor, of N. J., on the same subject, was referred to the same committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment.—
Present: M. W. Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock in the Chair; the same officers as of the Session of yesterday, and a due representation.

Prayer by the Rev. brother James D. McCabe, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The journal of the Session of yesterday being in progress of reading, on motion the further reading was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from G. Patriarch William Towers, upon the subject of Diplomas, and the action of some of the Encampments in that jurisdiction in relation thereto, which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Bain of Va., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Art. VIII to be so amended as to read,

That Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, except Past Grand Sire Thomas W. J. who shall ever be entitled to his single vote.

Rep. Clarke, of Conn., presented the appeal of Lodge No 24, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion of Rep. Clarke, of N. J., the subjects of difficulty between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania were referred to a special committee.

Rep. Griffin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in obedience to the resolution passed on the motion of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, have inquired into the expediency of so

amending the Constitution as to change the location of the Grand Lodge, from Baltimore to Cincinnati.

The provision of the Constitution, (Art. XI,) is, that the meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held at such place as may from time to time be determined. No amendment would be necessary, therefore, to change the location. A simple law would effect the object.

The Committee are convinced that the proposed change would not be beneficial.—The position of Baltimore presents peculiar advantages which no other city could offer. It is midway between the North and the South, on the great highway of trade and travel, and easily accessible from all sections of the country. The selection originally was fortuitous, but the Committee consider it one of the happiest accidents in our career. Under any circumstances the change should be made with reluctance, as the Grand Lodge has been chartered by the State of Maryland; but after a careful estimate of its merits, the Committee are satisfied that there is no sound reason for deserting the cradle of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the reports of the D. D. G. Sires, have examined the same, and find nothing that requires the action of this body at the present time. They recommend that said reports be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry presented to the Grand Lodge by Rep. Day, of Ohio, report, that the Grand Encampment degree can only be conferred during the session of a Grand Encampment. It should regularly be given in the hall in which the Grand Encampment is assembled, but by special permission, and to prevent the cessation of other business, it may be given in some contiguous room.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to re-commit the report to the committee, with instructions to include the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees of Subordinate Lodges in their inquiry, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, instructed under the resolution offered by

Rep. Lilly, of New Jersey, to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the use of prayer in Subordinate Encampments, report, That under the law as it now stands, it is discretionary with the Encampments to use prayer or not, *at the opening and closing.* (*By-Laws, Art. 24, as amended, page 965.*) *In the conferring of the Degrees,* the prayers are an integral part of the work and cannot be abandoned without destroying its symmetry.

Respectfully submitted.

HOBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order report on the propriety and expediency of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia permitting her Subordinates to admit to membership Members of Congress and others who are citizens of States and towns where Lodges are in existence, in violation of Article 30 of the By-Laws of this body.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave respectfully to report, as correct, the certificates of P. G. John H. Wakefield, as a Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and P. G. Ezra Clark, Jr., as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
E. F. MACDONOUGH.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented various communications in relation to the location of the Grand Lodge of that State, which were, on his motion, referred to a special committee.

Rep. Taylor, of S. C., submitted the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That the work of the Encampment be submitted to a special committee, to inquire into the expediency of removing the prayers from the form of initiation, and place them in such a manner in the work as to leave their use optional with the Encampment.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., to lay the subject on the table, it was resolved in the negative ; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Brown, of N. H., Davis, of Mass., Day, Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Kerlin, Moore, Morris, McKinnell, Seaford, Senter, Smith, Stokes, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager—23,

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Coffin, Clark, of Conn., Demick, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, Holmes, Hough, Haines, Jones, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, MacRae, McCauley, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Spooner, Simons, Taylor of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson—36.

The question recurring upon the resolution, it was not agreed to ; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of N. C., Affron, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Coffin, Clark, of Conn., Demick, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, Holmes, Hough, Haines, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, Neally, Parker, Senter, Simons, Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Wilson—29.

NAYS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Brewer, Davis, of Mass., Day, Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes),

MacDonough, Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Roche, Sessford, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Taylor, of Md., Williamson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager—34.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following committees, provided for by the report of the committee on distributing the several subjects referred to in his annual report:

Propositions to change the fundamental laws upon which State Grand Lodges are organized: Reps. Moore, Woodruff, Yeager, Marshall, Holmes.

Grand Lodge of British North America: Reps. Williamson, Stokes, Taylor, of S. C.

Discussion of the internal affairs of the institution in the public press: Reps. Wells, of Mass., Brown, of Miss., Simons, of R. I.

Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., offered the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was read and ordered to lie on the table for one day under the rule:

"Resolved, That the words "Grand Lodge," be stricken out in Article 8 of the By-Laws.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered the following order, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to the installation of the officers elect this day at 12 o'clock.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved, That the following question be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.—Does the order of business for Subordinate Lodges in the new work, prevent Subordinates opening again during the same meeting in a head of business once passed through?

The Chair announced the following Special Committee, on the subject of the location of the Grand Lodge of Ohio: Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., McCauley, of Md., and Theobald, of Maine.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., the applications for Subordinate Lodges in Brazil, in Caraccas, and Honolulu, now in the hands of the Committee on Petitions, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

In consequence of the conflicting practice in the Order, a report from the Committee on the State of the Order is required on the following queries:

1. Can the Junior Warden in an Encampment exercise the duties of Chief Patriarch, by virtue of his office, in the absence of the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden?
2. Is it competent for any member of an Encampment, other than a High Priest or P. H. P. to exercise the duties of High Priest?
3. Are Past High Priests of equal grade with Past Chief Patriarchs, and equally competent to petition for a Grand Encampment, and hold seats in Grand Encampments?
4. On the expediency of admitting those in possession of the Grand Encampment Degrees to full membership in a Grand Encampment.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred applications, which were all in due form, for the establishment of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, respectively as follows, viz:

For a Grand Encampment of the State of North Carolina, to be located at Wilmington, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia, to be located at the city of Macon, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment in the State of Mississippi, without any place of location being proposed.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Tennessee, to be located at the city of Nashville, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Michigan, to be located at the village of Kalamazoo, in that State.

For a Grand Encampment of the State of Indiana, to be located at the city of Indianapolis, in that State.

For a Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin, to be located in the city of Milwaukee, in that State, respectfully recommend that charters be granted in each case as applied for,* and that the Grand Encampment of the State of Mississippi be located at the city of Natchez, that being the seat of the Grand Lodge of that State.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committee on the subjects of difference between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania: Reps. Coffin, of N. Y., Anderson, of N. C., and Davis, of Mass.

Rep. Yohe, of Pa., from the committee on that subject, made a report on the deferred business of last session which was made the special order for eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Holmes, of Mo., and Rep. Taylor, S. C., presented proceedings of their respective Grand Lodges on the subject of Education, which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred sundry applications for the institution of Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and warrants for which have been issued since the last communication, beg leave to report, and recommend as follows:

That the warrant issued on the 5th Nov., 1846, upon the petition of C. S. Dana, S. B. Matlack, J.

*The several Grand Bodies chartered in pursuance of this report (except Georgia, whose returns could not be found) were established as follows:

Grand Encampment of North Carolina.—Instituted at Wilmington, July 16th, 1847.—Israel Diseney, G. Patriarch; D. Cook, M. E. G. H. P.; John C. Wood, G. S. Warden; Duncan McKee, G. J. Warden; Alfred Bryant, G. Scribe; Junius D. Gardner, G. Treasurer; W. C. Howard, G. Sentinel; F. L. Gurns, D. G. Sentinel.

Grand Encampment of Mississippi.—Instituted at Natchez, January 17th, 1848.—John R. Stockman, M. W. G. P.; Cyrus S. Megoun, M. E. G. H. P.; Thomas Hackett, R. W. G. S. W.; C. Thaddeus Vennigerholz, R. W. G. Scribe; Samuel Barnes, R. W. G. Treasurer; L. K. Barber, R. W. G. J. W.; Charles Stutenroth, W. G. Sentinel.

Grand Encampment of Tennessee.—Instituted at Nashville, July 31st, 1847.—George W. Wilson, M. W. G. Patriarch; Donald Cameron, M. E. G. H. Priest; N. E. Perkins, R. W. G. S. Warden; C. K. Clark, R. W. G. J. Warden; G. P. Smith, R. W. G. Scribe; John Cattart, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Grand Encampment of Michigan.—Instituted at Kalamazoo, Feb. 3d, 1847.—John Winder, M. W. G. Patriarch; J. C. Larrimore, M. E. G. H. Priest; W. M. Choate, R. W. G. S. Warden; D. S. Wallbridge, R. W. G. Scribe; George W. Hoffman, R. W. G. J. Warden; Wm. J. Baxter, R. W. G. Treasurer; D. D. Sinclair, W. G. Sentinel.

Grand Encampment of Indiana.—Instituted at Indianapolis, Jan. 10th, 1849.—Christian Bucher, G. C. P.; F. B. Brown, G. H. P.; J. P. Chapman, G. S. W.; A. W. Gordon, G. J. W.; Willis W. Wright, G. Scribe; E. Hedderly, G. T.; D. Craighead, G. Sentinel.

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.—Instituted at Milwaukee, June 9th, 1847.—John D. Kinsman, M. W. G. Master; A. Kent, D. G. M.; Wm. M. Cunningham, G. W.; Rufus King, G. S.; Eh. Bates, T.; D. McDonald, G. C.

S. H. Weeks, J. H. Paddock, Jas. Boles, John Kelsey and D. Boyerton, for the institution of "Caledonia Lodge, No. 6," to be located at Danville, Caledonia county, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 16th Dec., 1846, upon the petition of A. B. Childs, A. L. Pettie, D. G. Colburn, A. Haynes and Orson Flagg, for the institution of "Social Lodge, No. 7," at Wilmington, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 14th January, 1847, upon the petition of R. M. Fuller, E. A. Stansbury, C. H. Hall, T. D. Chapman and C. S. Green, for the institution of "Vergennes Lodge, No. 8," at Vergennes, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 17th January, 1847, upon the petition of C. Gibson, B. Golden, P. Johnson, W. B. Booth, S. M. Robinson, Jr., and R. H. Coventry, for the institution of "Stark Lodge, No. 9," at Bennington, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 25th of January, 1847, upon the petition of G. W. Strong, F. W. Hopkins, J. B. Porter, C. Porter and E. Pierpont, for the institution of "Otter Creek Lodge, No. 10," at Rutland, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 13th February, 1847, upon the petition of N. Parker, A. C. Spear, J. C. Mead, J. S. Ware and M. G. Rathbun, for the institution of "Lake Dunmore Lodge, No. 11," at Middlebury, Vt., be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 2nd March, 1847, upon the petition of J. Thorington, T. V. Blackmore, J. McCormick, P. M. Firor and S. Schoolfield, for the institution of "Davenport Lodge, No. 8," at Davenport, Iowa, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 6th of April, 1847, upon the petition of N. H. Heming, G. E. Skinner, E. W. Prentiss, S. Jessup, William Brunt, T. F. Taylor, C. P. Goff and N. H. Suttle, for the institution of "Sinsinawa Lodge, No. 16," at Hazel Green, Wisconsin, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 3rd of February, 1847, upon the petition of P. O. Wing, N. M. Havens, S. Stevens, T. J. McBain and Wm. A. Brinson, for the institution of "Jefferson Lodge, No. 3," at Monticello, Jefferson county, Florida, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 12th of May, 1847, upon the petition of S. Hopman, C. F. Peake, E. A. Leavenworth, W. Yancey and W. E. Sackett, for the institution of "Pensacola Lodge, No. 4," at Pensacola, Florida, be ratified and confirmed.

That the warrant issued on the 11th of February, 1847, for the institution of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 14," at Janesville, Wisconsin; and the warrant issued on the 12th of February, 1847, for the institution of "Halcyon Lodge, No. 15," at Whitewater, Wisconsin, be each ratified and confirmed.

J. P. CHAPMAN,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,

J. HARRISON KELLY.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is it proper for a Royal Purple member who has never passed the chair of C. P. or H. P. to administer an obligation in an Encampment, in the absence of the proper officer, to candidates upon receiving the degrees?

Rep. Simon, of R. I., presented the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, upon the subject of Education, which were referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, submitted the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary in the printing of the proceedings of this body, is fully authorized to exclude such portions of them which relate to the Work of the Order, as he may deem proper.

Pending the consideration of the resolution, the hour having arrived, fixed for the Installation of Grand Officers, on motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the Grand Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass, of Pa., being presented by P. G. Sire Wildey and P. D. G. Sire Moore at the foot of the chair, and having been qualified by the M. W. G. Sire, according to the requisitions of the Constitution and Laws, and invested with the Regalia of his office, was formally conducted to the chair, and proclaimed the duly installed M. W. G. Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of North America, after the ancient form.

P. G. M. Newell A. Thompson, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire,

" " " James L. Ridgely, R. W. G. R. and C. Secretary,

" " " Andrew E. Warner, R. W. G. Treasurer, were then each introduced by P. G. Sire Wildey and P. G. M. AtLee, and installed into their respective offices.

The ceremony of installation being closed, the M. W. Grand Sire addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

REPRESENTATIVES—Called upon, as I have been, to preside over your deliberations, I should be uncandid if I did not confess the poor ability with which I approach this station of honor and responsibility. Relying, however, upon that kind and forbearing spirit, which it is the peculiar province of our institution to foster and exhibit, I feel that I need not hesitate in entering upon the Sireship's complicated duties, a discreet and full discharge of which will, at all times, in a great degree, contribute to preserve the peace, secure the integrity, and advance the prosperity of the Order.

Still, important and arduous as may be the functions of the chief executive officer, while presiding during the Session, yet it is obvious that they but feebly compare with those which that officer, under our fundamental rules, finds imposed upon him, when the Representatives of the States, retiring from the scene of their honorable and benevolent labors, commit the general welfare to his guidance and control. Then indeed must he feel the weight of high official duty.

When so separated, deprived of your wise counsels, I shall realize the entire responsibility of this position, I trust that if I cannot merit the applause of our extended brotherhood, I can, at least, escape censure—that if my administration is not distinguished by any great measure of general utility, it will, nevertheless, not be marked by any departure from well settled landmarks. Such is my earnest hope, and if a devotion to the principles of Odd-Fellowship, enkindled by a conviction of the substantial benefit which their enforcement invariably affords, can lead me to its realization, then surely I will not be disappointed.

The following Grand Officers were appointed by the Chair, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution :

P. G. Rev. James D. McCabe, of Va., W. G. Chaplain,

“ Smith Skinner, of Pa., W. G. Marshal,

“ Samuel L. Harris, of D. of C., W. G. Guardian,

“ John E. Chamberlain, of Md., W. G. Messenger, who were severally conducted to their respective offices.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business, when,

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Tenn., the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Sire Thomas Sherlock, for the dignity, courtesy, and ability with which he has presided over our deliberations, and the able discharge of his laborious duties, during the term of his official service as M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary cause a copy of the above resolution, properly attested, to be inserted in a diploma, and presented to P. G. Sire Thomas Sherlock.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the affirmative.

TUESDAY, September 21, 4 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire, presiding; the same officers as of the morning Session, and a due Representation.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted the following, being his Annual Report, which, on motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., was referred to a select committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees. The Chair named Reps. AtLee, of D. of C., McCauley, of Md., and Kelly, of Va., as the committee.

**OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY, }
R. W. G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Sept. 20, 1847. }**

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In conformity to the law imposing the duty upon the Grand Secretary, the undersigned has the honor to present his Annual Report.

The subjoined resolutions embrace all the subjects of duty directed to be performed by him during the recess :

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to prepare and have printed with each Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, a correct Index, and also an Index for the Journals from 1843 to the present Session, and that a suitable compensation be awarded him for the work.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and execute new charters for Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Magnolia Encampment, No. 1, of Georgia, and to add to such new charters short memoranda, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, of the date of the original charters, and the circumstances under which the substitutes were granted.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish each member and officer of this body, as soon after its adjournment as practicable, with a copy of the daily Journal.

4. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Sire Thomas Sherlock, R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds thereof, in such manner as they may deem safe and expedient, and that such investment be made as soon as practicable after the present Session : provided, however, that no such investment shall be made without the unanimous consent of the above named officers.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed, as soon as may be after the close of this Grand Lodge, to write to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, whose returns are here reported incorrect, and to state in said letter the substance of said incorrectness.

6. *Resolved*, That a charter for the Grand Lodge of British North America, be prepared and duly authenticated, and its delivery confided to the M. W. G. S. and G. C. Secretary, conforming to the conditions in all respects of the resolutions authorizing the grant.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the resolutions in the matter of appeal of Covenant Lodge, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

8. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to take immediate steps for the return of the charters and books granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England.

9. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate to the R. W. Australian Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., the acknowledgment of the reception of their courteous letter, and to tender the assurances of the high respect of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and of our warm and abiding interest in their welfare and prosperity.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to copy in the book of diagrams of the unwritten Work of the Order, the explanations of the same, contained in the old book of illustrations, and that the said old book of illustrations be by him immediately thereafter destroyed.

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses, and their highest titles in the Order.

12. *Resolved*, That the several State Grand Lodges are hereby earnestly requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order of a general system of education, and to devise and forward to this Grand Lodge plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the above report and resolution to the several State Grand Lodges.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to procure a sufficient number of desks and chairs for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to purchase the same.

In obedience to the first resolution, an Index to the Journal of the last Session, and also to the Journals for the years 1844 and 1845, was prepared, and accompanied the volume of proceedings issued, as soon after the close of the Session as was practicable.

The second resolution has been complied with by the delivery to the proper authorities of Georgia, the new charters designated, handsomely prepared in diploma form, with the memoranda detailed in the resolution conspicuously written upon the face of the instruments.

The third, fourth, fifth, and seventh resolutions have been literally carried out as they respectively direct.

A charter was prepared as provided in the sixth resolution, conforming in all respects to the conditions and qualifications upon which the Grand Lodge of British North America was erected into an Independent Sovereignty, duly authenticated by the Grand Officers, and delivered by the hands of Deputy Grand Sire Case to that

body, by whom it was duly accepted, and under which that jurisdiction now holds its being. A copy of which is herewith submitted.

The Corresponding Secretary regrets to inform the Grand Lodge that all his efforts to reclaim the warrants and books granted to Pioneer and Oriental Lodges in England, have been unavailing, having received no answers whatever to several letters of inquiry addressed on that subject. There is reason, however, to believe that the books are in safe hands, since but two copies were sent out, and those entrusted to brethren in good standing in Lodges of this country.

The Corresponding Secretary took great pleasure very soon after the close of the last Session, in carrying into effect the wishes of the Grand Lodge as embodied in the ninth resolution, by addressing a communication to the Grand Lodge of Australia, "expressive of the high respect of the Grand Lodge of the United States for that body, and of its warm and abiding interest in their welfare and prosperity." This document was sent to New Haven under cover of P. G. M. Henry L. Miller, late Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, by whom it doubtless received its proper direction.

The tenth resolution has been obeyed, and the Book of Diagrams, with their proper illustrations, is now safely deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The old book has not been destroyed as the resolution directs, but has been preserved to the end, that the fidelity of the copy may be avouched by a committee of your honorable body, at your present Session.

The eleventh resolution has been conformed to, so far as it was in the power of the Secretary correctly to rank the Representatives of the last Session from the materials in his possession.

The undersigned caused a printed circular to be distributed to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, communicating the report and resolutions referred to in the twelfth resolution: to this circular responses have been received officially from but few of the bodies to which it was directed. So far as an expression of opinion has been made upon the proposition, I sincerely regret to say that it has been for the most part of an adverse character, superinduced, however, it is believed, and very respectfully suggested, by a misconception of the question; the abstract subject embodied in the report of the committee, which carefully avoided details, has been confounded with the plan submitted by an individual, and objections to *that particular plan* have been urged against the general utility, practicability, and expediency of the measure itself in the abstract.

I have, however, great gratification in reporting that from some of the States,* in which, by the wisdom of municipal legislation, the blessing of education is made the free offering of a generous people, and from which fact apprehensions were entertained, that the proposition could not concentrate the energies of the brotherhood at large, that the most emphatic favorable response has been made to the report of the committee, justifying entirely the opinion that the measure may be consummated if properly understood and appreciated.

The undersigned, notwithstanding the present posture of the subject, in view of the action had by the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, remains firm in his conviction of the practicability and expediency of the measure, and unshaken in the confidence, that, although the Order may not now be prepared to concentrate its energies in the cause of education, the time is not distant when a different sentiment will prevail.

*Massachusetts and Connecticut

The Corresponding Secretary, upon inquiry, discovered that the appropriation made in the thirteenth resolution was wholly insufficient to supply appropriate desks and chairs for the representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, he accordingly was unable to comply in whole with the resolution. The sum appropriated was expended in the purchase of desks constructed of walnut, suited to the dignity of the office for which they were designed, made after the model of those in use for the Senators in the Congress of the United States—a similar appropriation will be necessary to supply a chair for each Representative, corresponding in style and convenience with the desks already provided.

During the recess, the visiting card plate having become worn out, a new one, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, has been obtained in the City of New York, the design of which has been made different from the former plate, as well to add to the beauty of the instrument, as to avoid the difficulty which has heretofore existed in readily distinguishing between the visiting and final card.

The edition of the Journal of 1844 having become entirely out of print, and it being necessary to obtain a sufficient number of copies for the purpose of binding with the proceedings of 1845 and 1846, for the use of the Grand Representatives, the Corresponding Secretary caused two hundred copies to be printed for that object. While upon this subject, I beg to call the attention of the Grand Representatives to the proprietorship of the copy-rights of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the difficulties which at some future period may grow out of a continuance of the practice of allowing to the printer the privilege of stereotyping the Journal for his own use, secured to him by a copy-right. It will be recollected that at the time the idea was conceived of publishing a correct and entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the published proceedings of that body did not reach beyond the year 1827, and that the Journal from the formation of the original body in 1821 until 1827 had never been printed: that the portion of this interesting progressive history of the Order which had been printed was almost valueless, by reason of the imperfect manner in which the record had been kept, the loose form in which it was issued, the minutes of each Session being detached, and without continuity in the paging, rendering an index difficult if not impracticable; and that the earlier proceedings up to 1827, only existed in the perishable form of manuscript, in a great degree unintelligible without the aid of explanation. In view of this condition of these important records, and of the very great necessity of a publication in proper continuous form, of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States from its formation, a work of no inconsiderable undertaking, and involving a very large outlay, the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the Session of 1842, authorized a reprint of the entire Journal from 1821 to the end of the Session of 1843, provided a responsible person would venture the enterprise wholly at his own risk, and without expense to that body. At the same Session the Grand Secretary was directed to prepare the early unprinted manuscript proceedings for publication, in the event of his ability to have the entire work consummated without expense to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the state of the finances of that body at that time forbidding any attempt on its part to accomplish this greatly desired object. Accordingly, soon after the Session of 1842, the Corresponding Secretary made earnest efforts to carry out the design of the resolution, but was unsuccessful until late in the year 1843, when he entered into an arrangement with brothers McGowan & Treadwell, of New York, by which, at their entire risk and cost, the present valuable Journal from 1821 to 1843 was acquired. In order to induce this enterprise, it was necessary to offer a reasonable hope of profit, involving as it did considerable capital to accomplish it; the undersigned, there-

are, secured to the contractors the exclusive copy-right of the work, and stipulated with them for its preservation by stereotype. The great value of the work to the Order, it was reasonably thought, would ensure an ample remuneration for the vast labor and outlay incident to the undertaking, and the utter inability of the Grand Lodge of the United States to effect the publication upon its own resources alone, induced the transfer of the enterprise to individual responsibility. Upon the condition of continuing the plan of stereotyping the work, the undersigned has, since the publication of the Journal up to 1843, forming volume one, continued to secure the copy-right to Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell to the end of the Session of 1844. The Journal for 1846 was secured to brother James Young, of Baltimore, upon the same terms. This history of the subject has become necessary for the purpose of fully informing the Representatives of the manner and the circumstances by which the proprietorship of their own Journal has passed from their hands. This property should belong to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and should be re-acquired, if practicable, upon reasonable terms. The stereotype plates would enable this body at all times to possess itself of a full supply of the two volumes already published, at a very reduced price, and the sale of the work, at one dollar per volume, would afford a lasting and increasing revenue. In the contract for printing the Journal of 1846, the undersigned stipulated specifically for the purchase of the stereotype plates at their original cost, and the transfer of the copy-right; and, in reference to the stereotype plates and copy-right of the Journal up to 1845, inclusive, he has corresponded with brothers McGowan and Treadwell, who have expressed a willingness to transfer their right of property to the Grand Lodge of the United States upon favorable terms. I respectfully recommend this subject to your attention.

It became necessary, during the recess, to obtain a new supply of Charge and Degree books, and the undersigned, acting under the impression that the Committee on Revision, as they were authorized by law, had provided for stereotyping the work, wrote to the printer at New York for a return of the plates. To his surprise he learnt that the authority given to the committee had not been used, that body being of opinion that a large edition (four thousand copies) would serve the Order for many years. The sequel has served to show the folly of all reasonable calculations upon the probable growth of our beloved Order, as well as to indicate the error of foresight in this respected committee. The effect of this misapplied economy has been to add materially to the cost of that work by the necessity of its entire reprint—an edition of which the undersigned has ordered and received. As no probability exists of any material change in the work, I also respectfully suggest that a law be passed directing the stereotyping of the revised work, or at least the subordinate branch of it.

During the past winter, the Patriarchal work has been translated into the German and printed in that language, and has been distributed so far as applications have been made for it. No part of the revised work has yet been translated into the French language, and the Lodges working in that tongue have been compelled to resort to the expedient of manuscript amendments to the old book, to enable them to work. Some legislation is necessary on this subject.

In order to induce a conformation to the law of the last Session, prohibiting the publication of the Odes by the Subordinates to the Grand Lodge of the United States or individuals, the Corresponding Secretary caused a supply to be printed for distribution, which have been for sale at his office at a very small advance upon the cost of printing. This law, I regret to say, is not generally respected.

The expense incident to the various subjects above detailed, being unavoidable and imperatively necessary, has been incurred by the Corresponding Secretary, without

any special authority of law, during the recess, and he now respectfully submits his acts in this particular for the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Commissions have been issued under the authority of the Grand Sire for District Deputy Grand Sires in Vermont, Arkansas and Alabama, to supply vacancies occasioned by resignations and removals from the District.

I beg to invite the attention of the Representatives to the subject of the Diploma plate of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This instrument, embodying in beautiful style all the emblems of the Order, was authorized at a very heavy expense at the October Session of 1838; the price was fixed at the April Session of 1840 at two dollars per copy. Proving to be unavailable as a source of revenue, at this price, it was reduced, in 1841, to one dollar and fifty cents per copy; and again, in 1843, further reduced to one dollar per copy from the same cause. Notwithstanding the extreme low price at which it has been offered since 1843, the receipts from this source have, comparatively with the increase of the Order, not been enlarged; being for the year 1844, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars; for 1845, eighty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, and for the year 1846, four hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

In view of this condition of things, the undersigned has had his attention turned to this subject, for the purpose of devising some plan by which this valuable and truly beautiful plate might be made available as a source of revenue. To this end, the Corresponding Secretary has caused a number of copies to be struck off, in blank, excepting the vignette, or circular wreath, with the surmounting all-seeing eye and figure of Charity, to be used as charter forms for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which he has offered at one dollar per copy as an experiment. This application of the Diploma plate, if approved by your worthy body, in the opinion of the undersigned, will materially add to the revenue from this source, some two hundred copies having been disposed of in this form, with but limited means of causing its adaptation, in this respect, to be known throughout the jurisdiction—and, if the Grand Lodge should, in the event of approving this suggestion, further adopt and recognise this form as the only charter form for Lodges and Encampments hereafter to be used, a revenue of five hundred dollars per annum might be expected at once, which would be ever augmenting with the rapid increase of Lodges and Encampments, and thus the use of the plate as a Diploma of membership might be discontinued, if deemed advisable, after the disposition of the supply now on hand. A form of Diploma has been issued by brother Winchester, of New York, which, in the judgment of the Executive of the Order, being in violation of the law of the last Session, and the original design of the adoption of the Diploma plate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it became the duty of the Grand Officers to notice it; accordingly directions were issued to the State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, by order of the Grand Sire, requiring them to enforce the law in the premises.

The correspondence during the recess has been voluminous and highly gratifying with the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the various districts, and with the various subordinates to this jurisdiction; from which the Corresponding Secretary begs to present the following review of the condition and progress of the Order during the fiscal year just past:

Foreign Relations.—In obedience to the order adopted directing the reclamation of the charters of Pioneer and Oriental Lodges, and the acquisition of the books, I have to report, that having no agent or correspondent in England with whom a communication could be opened upon that subject, the undersigned was obliged to resort to the expedient of addressing one of the members to whom the warrant for Pioneer Lodge was issued, to wit, P. Pro. G. M. Bolsover, of Stockport, from whom he received no

answer; recently, however, brother Bolaover has arrived in this country, from whom he has learnt that his letters did not reach him. Two books only were sent to the commissioners appointed to open these Lodges, one of which, it is believed, still remains in the hands of the commissioners, Oriental Lodge not having been established — of the book delivered to Pioneer Lodge, no information has been obtained. From the Grand Lodge of Wales, I regret to say, that no tidings whatever have reached this office, since its establishment. I have received through the hands of P. G. Albert Guild, formerly a Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, various documents, herewith presented, from Honolulu, Oahu, a city of the Sandwich Islands. From these papers it will appear that a Lodge, styled Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the I. O. O. F., is in being at that place, of which A. Ten Eyck, a brother well known in this jurisdiction, was the N. G. at the date of the documents referred to, and that a body purporting to be "Pacific Lodge of Odd-Fellows" was also at work in the same place, between which bodies no fellowship existed. The former Lodge, Excelsior, No. 1, it will appear, was instituted by brother Gilbert Watson, of Massachusetts, in the exercise of power supposed to belong to him as D. D. G. Sire for Oregon, under a commission erroneously granted by D. D. G. Sire Guild, of Massachusetts, reported at the last Session. The latter, or "Pacific Lodge," it will appear, is a self-instituted body, asking to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to be received into fellowship. Great injury will be visited upon our beloved Order, as the certain result consequent upon the unlawful and unwarrantable use of the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States by individuals in foreign countries, who assume to open and establish Lodges in such countries without the shadow of authority. The power of establishing Lodges, during the recess, is delegated only to the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Corresponding Secretary, under and subject to all the restraints and limitations of the Constitution and laws. The authority exercised by brother Watson is expressly withheld by the Constitution and laws from the Executive of the Order itself, during the recess, and, although, in many cases, opportunities have offered of establishing the Order in South America and the West India Islands, by the agency of brethren well known, personally, to the Grand Officers, and in whose fitness and integrity the most implicit confidence might be reposed, yet, in no instance, notwithstanding the benefit which was certain to ensue to the Order, have the Grand Officers assumed to exercise such authority. The attention of the Representatives is respectfully invited to this subject, and although the act of brother Watson, in organizing Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, may, from the necessity of the case, receive your confirmation, it is, nevertheless, due to the dignity and the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that its exclusive power in the premises should be fully vindicated.

In a great measure a future repetition of such acts may be avoided by the relaxation in some degree of the 1st Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by vesting a reasonable discretion in the Executive officers of the Order. It now requires the application of five brothers in good standing, as an *indispensable* requisite to enable the Grand Officers to issue a warrant for the establishment of a Lodge under this jurisdiction in any and all cases. It rarely happens that five brothers in good standing can be found in a foreign country, hence it is almost impracticable for persons desirous of establishing the Order abroad to comply with the law. Other difficulties in the way of literal conformance to the law often intervene, when efforts are made to introduce the Order into foreign countries. With a view, in some degree, to prevent the assumption of authority in the premises, and the facilitating the laudable purpose of our brethren, who desire to carry with them the blessings of Odd-Fel-

lowship into foreign lands, I respectfully recommend that the Grand Officers be authorized, in the recess, to issue dispensations for such objects, in their discretion, notwithstanding the prohibition of the 1st Article of the By-Laws.

The warrant authorized for Oregon Lodge, No. 1, at your last Session, was transmitted to brother Gilbert Watson, by the hands of brother H. W. Crabb, who sailed for Honolulu, in June last, in the service of the government, and who kindly consented to forward the despatch to its place of destination.

I subjoin a condensed abstract of the progress of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Michigan.—In Michigan, the march of Odd-Fellowship has been rapid and diffusive. D. D. Grand Sire Kellog, by his earnest and untiring efforts, has succeeded in establishing a Grand Encampment in this jurisdiction, which has commenced its career under the most auspicious circumstances. The Grand Lodge of the State reports over fifteen hundred members, and appears at this Session by two Representatives, as authorized by the Constitution.

Vermont.—Odd-Fellowship has covered almost every section of this State, and wherever instituted has fallen into the hands of active, efficient, and worthy men. Ten Subordinate Lodges now exist in this jurisdiction, all of which continue to prosper. An application was received, accompanied by the Charter fee, in February last, for a Grand Lodge Charter, but not being in conformity with the By-Law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Officers were denied the pleasure of granting the request.

Maine.—I have to report that the Order continues to prosper in this State. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment exhibit a gradual and healthy increase in this jurisdiction.

Massachusetts.—The progress of the Order in this Commonwealth, although not so rapid as heretofore, has been steady and healthful. The increase of Lodges has been checked by the very commendable and salutary legislation of the Grand Lodge of the State, by which stability and permanency is insured to new Lodges when instituted. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment have been made in due season by the able Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, to whom I beg to make my acknowledgments for a bound copy of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of that State, to be preserved at this office for the use of the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Representatives of that State.

New Hampshire.—Odd-Fellowship is in the highest degree prosperous in this State, and it is gratifying to observe the deep interests which it has awakened in all sections of the State.

Rhode Island.—In this State the Order has advanced, since your last Session, with a sure and steady step, and the reports evince general prosperity.

Connecticut.—I have had but little correspondence with the officers of this State. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment are highly gratifying.

New York.—The increase of the Order in this vast jurisdiction continues uninterruptedly, having now reached over three hundred Lodges.

Pennsylvania.—I am indebted to the able and efficient Grand Secretary of this State for his prompt and valuable correspondence with this office. The accessions to our fraternity in Pennsylvania have been very great, during the past year, in all its departments. I am indebted to G. Sec'y Curtis for a bound copy of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

New Jersey.—The Order is in every respect prosperous in New Jersey, and entire harmony prevails throughout the brotherhood.

Delaware.—In this State, the Order has not paused since its revival from the lethar-

gy which had paralysed its energies for several years. Five new Lodges have been instituted during the year, and the membership has nearly doubled. Two new Encampments have also been organized since your last Session.

Maryland.—The Order has steadily and healthfully increased in Maryland during the last year, and, in every part of the State the highest degree of prosperity prevails.

District of Columbia.—The institution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, has, in a great degree, cut off from the Corresponding Secretary the valuable and interesting correspondence formerly enjoyed with the late distinguished D. D. G. Sire of that district. I have, however, great pleasure in reporting that in both branches of the Order there has been a great accession of strength and members, and entire harmony.

Virginia.—The reports from this State are highly gratifying, exhibiting, as they do, a large accession of Lodges and members.

North Carolina.—Since the last Session, a Grand Encampment has been instituted in this State under very favorable circumstances, and the Order generally is progressing in prosperity.

South Carolina.—All is prosperous in this valued jurisdiction. In no part of our extended brotherhood is the Order in better keeping. I am indebted to Grand Secretary Gyles for a bound copy of the entire Journal of this Grand Lodge, to be preserved in this office for the use of the Grand Representatives of that State, and the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Georgia.—A Grand Encampment has been recently opened in this State, by D. D. G. Sire Williams, located at Macon. The Grand Lodge of the State has created a number of new Subordinate Lodges during the year, all of which appear to be in a healthy condition.

Florida.—Two new Lodges have been formed in this State during the recess, viz. Jefferson, No. 3, at Monticello, and Pensacola, No. 4, at Pensacola. To D. D. G. Sire Wilsey Williams, whose jurisdiction has heretofore embraced the States of Georgia and Florida, much is due for his valuable aid to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in facilitating the advance of the Order within the limits of his district.

Alabama.—The number of Lodges in this State has doubled since your last Session, and a very large accession has been made to the brotherhood. Pulaski Camp, No. 4, has been instituted at Cahawba, in this State, during the recess. I herewith submit some communications relative to a removal of the Grand Lodge to the interior of the State.

Mississippi.—The progress of the Order in this State, during the last twelve months, has been highly gratifying—increase of Lodges, eight in number—initiations doubled, and amount of revenue more than doubled. Two new Encampments have also been instituted.

Louisiana.—The career of Odd-Fellowship is still onward in Louisiana. The reports from this jurisdiction indicate great accession of strength and general prosperity.

Illinois.—This State has become entitled to two Representatives, having reported one thousand and sixty-eight contributing members. Eight new Lodges have been created since last report. In all respects the Order has had a gratifying season, during the year, in this district.

Minnesota.—The annual report of this State exhibits a constituency of one thousand and four members, thus entitling the Grand Lodge to two Representatives. Ten new Lodges have been formed during the year, and the general condition of the Order is highly prosperous. The reports from the Encampments also indicate a similar general good condition. Some communications have been received, upon the subject of the removal of the seat of the Grand Lodge, which are herewith submitted.

Indiana.—Grand Secretary Noble, of this jurisdiction, has furnished the annual return in due season, which exhibits a general increase of the Order throughout the State, twelve new Lodges having been created, and the number of members having nearly doubled since the last report. The reports of the Encampments have been generally received.

Ohio.—From the able and efficient Corresponding Secretary of Ohio, P. G. M. H. W. Clarke, I learn that the "watchword of the Order is still onward" in that jurisdiction. Eighteen new Lodges have been chartered during the year, and more than two thousand members added to the brotherhood since the last report. The Patriarchal branch of the Order in that State indicates the same general healthfulness.

Kentucky.—Odd-Fellowship continues to advance with steady steps in this distinguished Commonwealth. Unusual harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and the Order presents a moral spectacle worthy of admiration. Since the last annual report, ten new Lodges have been formed, and large accessions have been made to the brotherhood.

Tennessee.—Under a special commission from the Grand Sire, confided to P. G. Representative T. P. Shaffner, of Ky., a Grand Encampment has been instituted in Tennessee, located at Nashville. The Grand Lodge of the United States is greatly indebted to this Deputy for his valuable and efficient service in imparting instructions to the Patriarchs and the organization of this body. The report of brother Shaffner is herewith submitted. From the Grand Lodge of the State, I have received information of the general prosperity of the Order under its jurisdiction.

Arkansas.—Since your adjournment, a commission, by authority of the Grand Sire, was issued to brother W. C. Lofland, D. D. G. Sire of Arkansas, but the undersigned is without advices from that brother. The reports of Telulah Lodge have been regularly received, which body, it is gratifying to report, is in a highly prosperous condition. A warrant has been issued for the institution of Eagle Camp, No. 1, at Helena in this State.

Wisconsin.—A Grand Lodge has been instituted in this State during the recess, in conformity with the By-Laws of the last Session, which is in successful operation. D. D. G. Sire Wm. Duane Wilson, already familiarly known to the Grand Lodge of the United States as the great patron of the Order in this distant jurisdiction, continues with unabated zeal to watch over its interests and to advance its career. In appreciation of his distinguished services to the brotherhood in Wisconsin, he has been selected by the Grand Lodge its first Grand Representative to this body. The Patriarchal Order is also in a highly prosperous condition in this State.

Iowa.—An application has been received, as required by the laws, for a Grand Lodge in Iowa, and being in all respects in form, a Grand Warrant has been issued for the institution of the same. No return has yet reached this office. D. D. G. Sire Jno. G. Potts continues to exert his invaluable services in behalf of the Order in this district, through whom all the returns are regularly made to this office. An Encampment of Patriarchs has been instituted in this jurisdiction during the recess.

Texas.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge has been made in due season, exhibiting a healthy state of the Order. An application for a Subordinate Encampment has been received, but in consequence of the approaching Session, and the greater facility of transmitting the proper books by the hands of the Grand Representative, has been referred to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Journal of the last Session was distributed among the subordinates as early after the Session as was practicable, in view of the delay necessarily incident to the preparation of the index. Herewith is presented the Constitution and By-Laws

received during the recess, submitted for your examination and approval, also the Journal of Proceedings of the different State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

The Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and South Carolina, and the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, have presented each to the Grand Lodge of the United States a handsomely bound copy of their entire Journals up to the present year, which will be carefully preserved in this office as valuable books of reference for the Representatives of those States, and for the general use of this body. I beg respectfully to ask a similar presentation from each of the other State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Dispensations according to law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, have been issued during the year, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same:

FOR GRAND LODGES.

Wisconsin, at Milwaukee.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Michigan, at Kalamazoo.

North Carolina, at Wilmington.

Georgia, at Macon.

Tennessee, at Nashville.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

To Caledonia Lodge,	No. 6, Danville, Vermont.
• Social Lodge,	" 7, Wilmington, "
• Vergennes Lodge,	" 8, Vergennes, "
• Starke Lodge,	" 9, Bennington, "
• Otter Creek Lodge,	" 10, Rutland, "
• Lake Dunmore Lodge,	" 11, Middlebury, "
• Jefferson Lodge,	" 3, Monticello, Florida.
• Pensacola Lodge,	" 4, Pensacola, "
• Wisconsin Lodge,	" 15, Janesville, Wisconsin.
• Sinsinawaw Lodge,	" 16, Hazel Green, "
• Davenport Lodge,	" 8, Davenport, Iowa.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

To Eagle Camp,	No. 1, Helena, Arkansas.
• McDonnell Camp,	" 2, Smyrna, Delaware.
• Reynolds Camp,	" 3, Wilmington, "
• Noxubee Camp,	" 5, Macon, Mississippi.
• Tombecbee Camp,	" 6, Columbus, "
• Wilson Camp,	" 2, Southport, Wisconsin.
• Raleigh Camp,	" 4, Raleigh, N. Carolina.
• Halcyon Camp,	" 1, Dubuque, Iowa.
• Pulaski Camp,	" 4, Cahawba, Alabama.
• Magnolia Camp,	" 4, Baton Rouge, La.

The applications for these warrants are herewith presented for your approbation, being in all respects conformable to law. The warrants, upon approval, become charters, as provided by resolution of September Session, 1843. Accompanying this report I annex in the usual tabular form, a condensed statement of the general operations of the Order, during the past year, also a table exhibiting a comparative view of its relative condition in 1846 and 1847.

In obedience to the resolution of 1844, directing "that the Grand Secretary furnish the Grand Lodge in his Annual Report, with a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amount due to and by it, and a statement of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges, which may not have reported within two weeks of the annual Session," the Corresponding Secretary herewith presents the accompanying documents A, B, conveying the information required.

In compliance with the order requiring the Corresponding Secretary to "pay over all moneys received by him during the recess, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source and for what object," I beg to submit the following statement of the receipts of this office during the fiscal year of 1846-7. Herewith, I also present a supplementary statement, from what sources and for what object, since the termination of the fiscal year and the commencement of the annual Session; the various sums received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

Statement of Receipts of Grand Secretary during the fiscal year 1846-7.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1846. Sept. 25,	Sherlock Camp, Indiana,	Warrant.	\$30 00	12
"	Metropolitan Camp, do	"	30 00	12
"	Wabash Camp, do	"	30 00	14
Nov. 5,	Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont,	"	30 00	34
" 14,	Pulaski Camp, Alabama,	"	6 00	38
Dec. 6,	Social Lodge, No. 7, Vermont,	"	30 00	31
1847. Jan. 14,	Vergennes Lodge, No. 8, do	"	30 00	36
" 17,	Wilson Camp, No. 2, Wisconsin,	"	30 00	37
" 25,	Raleigh Camp, North Carolina,	"	30 00	43
" 28,	Otter Creek Lodge, Vermont,	"	30 00	46
" 30,	Halcyon Camp, Iowa,	"	30 00	47
Feb. 3,	Jefferson Lodge, Florida,	"	30 00	49
"	Grand Lodge Vermont,	"	30 00	80
"	Starke Lodge, do	"	30 00	51
" 13,	Lake Dunmore Lodge, do	"	30 00	58
" 22,	Grand Camp, Michigan,	"	30 00	62
March 2,	Davenport Lodge, Iowa,	"	30 00	71
" 12,	Wisconsin Lodge, Wisconsin	"	30 00	73
"	Halcyon Lodge, do	"	30 00	73
April 6,	Sinsinawa Lodge, do	"	30 00	64
May 21,	Grand Camp of Georgia,	"	30 00	84
" 27,	McDonnell Camp, Delaware,	"	30 00	87
June 20,	Reynolds Camp, do	"	30 00	104
" 29,	Noxubee Camp, Mississippi,	"	30 00	111
"	Tombecbee Camp, do	"	30 00	112
"	Eagle Camp, No. 1, Arkansas,	"	30 00	113
July 14,	Grand Lodge of Iowa,	"	30 00	120
Aug. 6,	Lone Star Camp, No. 1, Texas,	"	30 00	162
" 17,	Grand Camp, North Carolina,	"	30 00	166
" 30,	Olive Branch Camp, Tennessee,	"	30 00	161
"	Camp Iowa,	"	30 00	161
Total for Warrants,			2020 00	
1846. Sept. 21,	Delaware Camp, Delaware,	Dues.	\$45 15	3
" 22,	Magnolia Camp, Georgia,	"	22 51	6
"	Ocmulgee Camp, do	"	10 30	7
"	Franklin Camp, do	"	5 48	8
"	Chattahoochie Camp, Georgia,	"	13 59	9
"	Augusta Camp, do	"	21 26	10
"	Florida Lodge, Florida,	"	4 00	11
" 25,	Bethlehem Camp, Indiana,	"	9 70	17
Oct. 31,	Wautastiquet Lodge, Vermont,	"	18 00	22
Nov. 7,	Washington Lodge, Iowa,	"	9 30	26
"	Kreosanqua Lodge, do	"	8 20	26
" 12,	Vermont Lodge, Vermont,	"	7 74	27
1847. Jan. 12,	Wabash Camp, Indiana,	"	21 00	33
" 14,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin,	"	6 30	34
"	Washington Lodge, Iowa,	"	5 00	36
" 20,	Lilly of Mountain Lodge, Wisconsin,	"	12 30	41
"	Muscatine Lodge, do	"	7 50	42

Statement continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1947. Jan. 30,	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas,	Dues.	\$18 84	48
Feb. 16,	Kreosanqua Lodge, Iowa,	"	7 60	60
" 22,	Muscatine Lodge, Wisconsin,	"	12 24	60
" 23,	Michigan Camp, Michigan,	"	15 30	63
" "	Marshall do do	"	9 25	64
" "	Pah-Wah-Ting Camp, Michigan	"	14 46	65
" "	Lenawah do do	"	10 71	66
" "	Samaritan do do	"	16 40	67
" "	Wilday do do	"	12 75	68
" 23,	Miners' Lodge, Iowa,	"	9 00	69
" "	Kreosanqua do do	"	6 20	70
March 12,	Miners' do do	"	7 42	75
" "	Harmony do do	"	6 59	76
" 18,	Lilly of the Mount Lodge, Iowa,	"	15 42	77
" "	Kreosanqua do do	"	4 36	78
April 1,	Narragansett Camp,	"	22 65	81
" "	Maskasuck do	"	34 78	82
" 8,	Washington Lodge, Iowa,	"	7 00	85
" "	Jefferson do do	"	7 00	86
" 20,	Calumet Camp, North Carolina,	"	33 11	87
" 22,	Marley do Virginia,	"	6 58	89
May 4,	Mount Arrarat Camp, Alabama,	"	6 16	91
" "	St. Paul's do do	"	9 05	92
" "	Black Warrior do do	"	9 41	93
" 27,	Harmony Lodge, Iowa,	"	19 50	98
" "	Jefferson do do	"	3 39	99
June 30,	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Iowa,	"	7 20	109
" "	Koskiusko do do	"	7 57	110
" "	Magnolia Camp, Georgia,	"	9 53	122
" "	Ocmulgee do do	"	18 07	123
" "	Franklin do do	"	15 93	124
" "	Chattahoochie Camp, do	"	12 15	125
" "	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida,	"	7 09	126
" "	do do do	"	6 30	126
" "	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont,	"	17 45	127
" "	Vermont do do	"	20 00	128
" "	White River do do	"	50 00	130
" "	Wantastiquet do do	"	17 17	131
" "	Winooksi Camp, do	"	10 61	132
" "	Windsor Lodge, do	"	16 10	132
" "	Allen Camp, Illinois,	"	19 53	138
" "	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida,	"	25 00	148
" "	Telulah do Arkansas,	"	58 67	150
" "	St. Paul's Camp, Alabama,	"	17 00	156
" "	Calumet do North Carolina,	"	10 00	168
" "	Koskiusko Lodge, Iowa,	"	20 22	169
" "	Jefferson do	"	19 23	170
" "	Neilson Camp, Illinois,	"	13 00	180
" "	Muscatine Lodge, Iowa,	"	20 53	182
" "	Kreosanqua do do	"	5 76	183
" "	Gayosa Camp, Tennessee,	"	29 22	188
" "	Rose of the Valley Lodge, Wisconsin,	"	15 78	188
" "	Miners' do do	"	13 29	189
" "	Jefferson do Iowa,	"	14 30	190
" "	Lilly of the Mount do do	"	26 65	191
" "	Harmony do do	"	34 95	195
" "	Narragansett Camp, Rhode Island,	"	20 00	196
" "	Maskasuck do do	"	37 36	197
" "	Palestine do do	"	9 30	198
" "	Olive Branch do Tennessee,	"	40 60	199
" "	Justida Lodge, Iowa,	"	35 00	200
Total for Dues,			\$1237 38	
Sept. 28,	Wilday Camp, Indiana,	Books.	24 00	15
" "	Bethlehem do do	"	6 00	16
Oct. 19,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina,	"	7 00	21
1947. Jan. 17,	do do do	"	6 00	29
" "	do Louisiana,	"	48 00	39
" 25,	do North Carolina,	"	4 00	44
Feb. 7,	do Delaware,	"	33 50	54
" "	do North Carolina,	"	8 00	57
March 12,	do Ohio,	"	65 00	59
May 24,	do do	"	29 27	60
June 15	do Kentucky,	"	50 00	60

Statement continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
1847. June 26,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, - - - - -	Books,	\$350 00
" 29,	Grand Camp of Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	147 00
" 30,	Grand Lodge of Delaware, - - - - -	"	14 00
" "	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	60 00
" "	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	42 50
" "	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	18 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Michigan, - - - - -	"	24 00
" "	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	48 00
" "	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - -	"	72 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Tennessee, - - - - -	"	123 25
" "	do Texas, - - - - -	"	8 00
Total for Books, - - - - -			\$1189 25
1847. Feb. 7,	Two Diplomas, - - - - -	Diplomas,	\$2 00
June 26,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	37 50
" 30,	do Delaware, - - - - -	"	5 00
" "	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	15 00
" "	do Michigan, - - - - -	"	30 00
" "	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	75 00
Total for Diplomas, - - - - -			\$164 50
1846. Oct. 31,	Wantastiquet Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	Cards,	\$2 50
Dec 4,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina, - - - - -	"	5 00
1847. Jan. 12,	do Alabama, - - - - -	"	80 00
Feb. 3,	Social Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	3 00
" 13,	Covenant Lodge, Mississippi, - - - - -	"	5 00
March 12,	Grand Camp of Maine, - - - - -	"	25 00
" 30,	do Ohio, - - - - -	"	25 00
April 3,	Vergennes Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	"	4 50
" 23,	Marley Camp, Virginia, - - - - -	"	7 50
June 18,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, - - - - -	"	50 00
" 20,	do Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	300 00
" "	do Delaware, - - - - -	"	10 00
" "	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	40 00
" "	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	50 00
" "	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	5 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Ohio, - - - - -	"	50 00
" "	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas, - - - - -	"	1 00
" "	Grand Lodge of North Carolina, - - - - -	"	8 00
" "	do Georgia, - - - - -	"	25 00
" "	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	30 00
" "	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - -	"	13 75
" "	Grand Lodge of Tennessee, - - - - -	"	71 00
" "	Reynolds Camp, Delaware, - - - - -	"	5 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Texas, - - - - -	"	22 00
Total for Cards, - - - - -			\$809 61
1846. Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Delaware, - - - - - 1846	Rep. Tax.	\$30 00
" 22,	Grand Camp of Maine, - - - - -	"	20 00
1847. Feb. 7,	Grand Lodge of Delaware, (former balance) - - - - -	"	8 00
May 24,	do Ohio, - - - - - 1847	"	40 00
June 18,	do Kentucky, - - - - -	"	40 00
" 20,	do Pennsylvania, - - - - -	"	40 00
" "	do Delaware, - - - - -	"	80 00
" "	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	40 00
" "	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	40 00
" "	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	30 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Georgia, - - - - -	"	40 00
" "	do Missouri, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	do Michigan, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	do Mississippi, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	do South Carolina, - - - - -	"	40 00
" "	do Michigan, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	do South Carolina, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	Grand Camp of Connecticut, - - - - -	"	20 00
" "	Grand Lodge of Texas, - - - - -	"	20 00
Total for Rep. Tax, - - - - -			\$545 00
1846. Sept. 22,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - - 1844-5	Balances.	\$422 00
" "	Wilday Camp, Mississippi, - - - - - 1845-6	"	35 25
Oct. 11	D. D. G. S. Sewell, of Canada, - - - - -	"	127 00

Statement continued.

DATES	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. V.
1846. Nov. 23,	Grand Lodge of Texas, - - - - - 1845-46	Balances.	\$60 00 29
1847. Jan. 17,	do Louisiana, - - - - - 1845	"	7 25 40
" 28,	do Ohio, - - - - - 1846	"	174 56 45
Feb. 7,	do Delaware, - - - - - 1845	"	77 12 53
April 30,	do South Carolina, - - - - - 1846	"	9 00 90
June 30,	do New York, - - - - - 1845-46	"	194 00 115
"	D. D. G. S. Charles McGowan, - - - - -	"	52 50 116
"	Grand Lodge of Virginia, - - - - -	"	364 26 37
"	do Georgia, - - - - - 1846	"	148 13 53
"	Grand Camp of Virginia, - - - - -	"	15 63 172
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	113 00 179
	Total Balances, - - - - -	-	\$1510 15
1847. June 18,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, - - - - -	Odes.	\$2 25 102
"	Cash, - - - - -	"	1 00 121
"	Grand Lodge of Virginia, - - - - -	"	1 50 135
"	do Maryland, - - - - -	"	75 14 1
	Total for Odes, - - - - -	-	\$5 50
	Total amount, - - - - -	-	\$1515 65

Supplementary Statement, showing the Receipts of the Corresponding Secretary after the termination of the fiscal year, June 30, 1847.

DATES	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. V.
1847. Sept. 20,	Grand Encampment of Tennessee, - - - - -	Dispensation.	\$30 00 254
1847. Sept. 15,	Kreosauqua Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	Dues.	\$6 47 202
" 17,	Wilsey Camp, Mississippi, - - - - -	"	37 50 204
"	Choctaw Camp, do - - - - -	"	14 55 205
"	Woodville Camp, do - - - - -	"	20 10 206
"	Vicksburgh Camp, do - - - - -	"	14 10 210
" 18,	Lead Mine do Iowa, - - - - -	"	10 80 211
"	Ridgely do Nashville, Tennessee, - - - - -	"	29 20 212
"	Black Warrior Camp, Alabama, - - - - -	"	9 85 216
"	Eli Ballou, D. D. G. S., Vermont, - - - - -	"	34 92 223
" 20,	Washington Lodge, Iowa, - - - - -	"	21 00 229
"	Wilsey Camp, Indiana, - - - - -	"	21 29 230
"	Metropolitan Camp, do - - - - -	"	21 07 231
"	Mishawawka do do - - - - -	"	17 00 232
"	Delaware do Delaware, - - - - -	"	30 90 237
"	Campbell do North Carolina, - - - - -	"	19 55 247
"	Magenau do D. of C., - - - - -	"	17 20 256
"	Mount Pisgah do do - - - - -	"	74 252
"	Pine do North Carolina, - - - - -	"	26 95 253
	Total for Dues, - - - - -	-	\$713 32
1847. Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, - - - - -	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00 225
"	do New York, - - - - -	"	40 00 226
"	do Indiana, - - - - -	"	40 00 215
"	do Tennessee, - - - - -	"	40 00 214
"	do Missouri, - - - - -	"	20 00 236
"	do Massachusetts, - - - - -	"	40 00 217
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	40 00 220
"	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, - - - - -	"	40 00 210
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	40 00 233
"	do Illinois, - - - - -	"	40 00 243
"	do North Carolina, - - - - -	"	20 00 246
"	Grand Camp of New York, - - - - -	"	40 00 251
"	do Ohio, - - - - -	"	20 00 254
"	do Virginia, - - - - -	"	20 00 242
"	do New Hampshire, - - - - -	"	40 00 248
"	do Missouri, - - - - -	"	20 00 238
"	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, - - - - -	"	20 00 252
" 21,	do Rhode Island, - - - - -	"	40 00 256
	Total Rep. Tax, - - - - -	-	\$600 00
1847. Sept. 15,	Green Mountain Lodge, Vermont, - - - - -	Cards.	\$5 00 201
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Missouri, - - - - -	"	30 00 207
" 18,	do New York, - - - - -	"	563 62 227
"	do Massachusetts, - - - - -	"	156 60 212

Statement continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. <small>v.</small>
1847. Sept. 18,	Grand Camp of Massachusetts, - - - - -	Cards,	\$25 00 222
"	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, - - - - -	"	67 50 224
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	71 00 235
"	do Illinois, - - - - -	"	60 00 245
"	do Maine, - - - - -	"	50 00 249
"	Magenenu Camp, D. C., - - - - -	"	4 00 257
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - -	"	15 00 255
" 21,	do Rhode Island, - - - - -	"	30 00 256
	Total for Cards, - - - - -	-	\$1067 72
1847. Sept. 17,	Grand Camp of Ohio, - - - - -	Books,	\$35 50 235
"	Grand Lodge of Missouri, - - - - -	"	44 00 268
"	D. D. G. Sire G. B. Allen, of Missouri, - - - - -	"	34 00 309
" 18,	Grand Lodge of Indiana, - - - - -	"	90 00 217
"	do Massachusetts, - - - - -	"	156 00 218
"	Grand Camp of do - - - - -	"	90 50 221
"	Grand Lodge of New Jersey, - - - - -	"	57 00 234
"	Grand Camp of Missouri, - - - - -	"	6 00 239
"	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - -	"	100 00 244
"	do Maine, - - - - -	"	25 00 250
"	do Ohio, - - - - -	"	60 00 253
	Total for Books, - - - - -	-	\$701 60
1847. Sept. 18,	William H. Jones, Grand Secretary, - - - - -	Diplomas,	\$50 00 213
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - - -	"	18 75 255
	Total for Diplomas, - - - - -	-	\$68 75
1847. Sept. 18,	Grand Lodge of New York, - - - - -	Balances,	\$603 51 227
"	do do - - - - -	"	175 00 228
"	do Indiana, - - - - -	"	13 50 217
"	do New Jersey, - - - - -	"	9 00 236
"	do District of Columbia, account of - - - - -	"	50 00 241
	Total Balances, - - - - -	"	\$851 01
1847. Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, - - - - -	Odes,	\$7 50 236

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS,	- - -	Statement	- - -	\$920 00	
		Supplementary do	- - -	30 00	— \$950 00
DUES,	- - -	Statement	- - -	1059 38	
		Supplementary do	- - -	713 32	— 1772 70
REPRESENTATIVE TAX,		Statement	- - -	546 00	
		Supplementary do	- - -	600 00	— 1146 00
CARDS,	- - -	Statement	- - -	809 61	
		Supplementary do	- - -	1067 72	— 1877 33
BOOKS,	- - -	Statement	- - -	1159 52	
		Supplementary do	- - -	701 60	— 1861 12
DIPLOMAS,	- - -	Statement	- - -	164 50	
		Supplementary do	- - -	68 75	— 233 25
BALANCES,	- - -	Statement	- - -	1570 15	
		Supplementary do	- - -	857 01	— 2361 16
ODES,	- - -	Statement	- - -	5 50	
		Supplementary do	- - -	7 50	— 13 00
Total,				- - -	\$10,244 56

The revenue of the current year, it will be perceived, is less than that of the year 1845-6, by the sum of \$3,402 45.

The receipts for the year 1845-6 were very much augmented, as indicated in my last annual report, by the sale of the revised works, and form no guide for a comparative view of the progressive ordinary revenue of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The present sources of income are ample to meet the just wants of the Grand Lodge it is believed, and with proper economy will yield a small surplus, which may be wisely applied in augmentation of the investment created by resolution of September, 1846.

The balance in the treasury at your last Session, as reported by the Committee on Finance, was \$7,204 08, of which sum \$6,251 68 was available; the residue in bills receivable. In conformity with the resolution directing an investment in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the surplus funds in the treasury, the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, immediately after the last Session, caused the sum of \$6,970 to be invested in Ohio six per cent. State stocks, the certificates for which were deposited with the Grand Treasurer, amounting to the sum of \$6,400, upon which twelve months interest is now due and receivable.

In addition to this investment, all special appropriations directed, the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, including rent of Corresponding Secretary's office, salaries of officers, stationary, postage, &c., have been paid as they respectively matured; also the expense of the new visiting card plate, an edition of 2,000 copies charge and degree books, and the necessary printing of cards from the old plate.

Of the unavailable funds reported in the treasury at the last Session, the sum of \$140 64, being a check of S. C. Sewall on the Bank of Montreal, has since been paid; and I deem it but an act of justice to that distinguished and meritorious brother to state, that its non-payment upon its first presentation at bank in Montreal, was the fault entirely of the bank itself, and in no way referable to the responsibility of the check. The notes of G. W. Churchill of Maine, and G. C. Bull of Kentucky, remain unpaid.

On the 17th day of September, 1847, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounted to \$2,243 01, which together with receipts of the Session, and the outstanding debits, which appear by documents A and B, accompanying this report, are subject to the expenses incident to the Session, at the disposition of the G. Lodge.

During the past year the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has been instituted, and the Subordinates of Iowa are prepared and anxious for a similar State organization. The Order has had a degree of success in this section of our jurisdiction which is almost unparalleled. To the exertions of D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts, of Illinois, and Wm. Duane Wilson, of Wisconsin, the Order at large is greatly indebted for this result: the former, Brother Potts, has for ten years firmly encountered the many obstacles in the way of the progress of the Order, which were inseparable from its introduction into a new and distant country, and has perseveringly watched and cherished its gradual growth within his district until the present time: the latter, Brother Wilson, with the enthusiasm and energy which belong to his character, has within two years past given to the Order in Wisconsin an impulse so irresistible, that notwithstanding the comparative newness of the system within his district, the whole surface of the State has been covered with Lodges. Occupying a position which gives to the undersigned a general view of the entire operations of the Order, and necessarily familiarized as I have been with its progress, I have witnessed the toil of these two laborers in the great cause of Old-Fellowship, from time to time, with admiration; and in view of the fact, that their relations as officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are

about to terminate, I should be doing violence to my own feelings did I permit such an occasion to pass without commending their faithful and successful labors for the common good, to the attention of the Representatives in Grand Lodge assembled.

In closing this report, I am privileged once more to felicitate the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the highly prosperous condition which the Order presents, throughout the entire jurisdiction: in every section of the country it may be truthfully said, in which Odd-Fellowship exists, it has by its own intrinsic excellence made its way to the confidence and affections of the people.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, R. and C. Secretary.

Documents accompanying Report of G. Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

(DOCUMENT A.)

DUE BY STATE GRAND LODGES TO GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Maryland, - - Odes, -	\$6 00	Indiana, - - - Books,	\$55 00
Cards, -	60 00		125 00
Diplomas, -	4 00	Missouri, - - - Cards, -	46 00 46 00
Books, -	24 00	Connecticut, - - - Balance,	60 00
	\$94 00	Cards, -	120 00
Massachusetts, - Cards, -	50 00	Books, -	48 00
Books, -	12 00	Rep. Tax, 1847,	40 00
	62 00		966 00
New York, - - Diplomas, -	150 00	Tennessee, - - - Cards, -	37 50 37 50
Balance B'ks, -	46 38	North Carolina, - - - Books, -	24 00
Ac't since bill rend'd, -		Cards, -	25 00
Cards, -	75 00		49 00
Books, -	80 00	Maine, - - - Books, -	24 00 24 00
	351 38	Canada, - - - Balance of 1845-6, -	86 00
District of Columbia, Balance, -	65 50	Books, -	60 00
Books, -	4 00		146 00
Cards, -	35 00	Georgia, - - - Books, -	12 00 12 00
	104 50	Wisconsin, - - - Books, -	45 00
Louisiana, - - - Cards, -	40 00 40 00	Cards, -	21 50
New Jersey, - - Cards, -	26 00	Diplomas, -	25 00
Books, -	58 00	Rep. Tax, 1847,	90 00
	84 00		115 50
Kentucky, - - - Cards, -	50 00 50 00		\$1639 47
Virginia, - - - Cards, -	30 00 30 00		
Indiana, - - - Cards, -	70 00		

(DOCUMENT B.)

DUE BY GRAND ENCAMPMENTS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Maryland, - Diploma Charters, -	\$5 00	Maine, - Cards, -	\$10 00
Cards, -	5 00	Odes, -	6 00
	\$10 00	Rep. Tax, 1847,	90 00
New York, - Books, -	72 00 72 00		96 00
Pennsylvania, Books, -	86 00	N. Hampshire, Balance of 1846,	70 00
Rep. Tax, 1847,	40 00	Rep. Tax, 1847,	20 00
	121 00		40 00
Kentucky, - Rep. Tax, 1847,	20 00 20 00	Tennessee Rep. Tax, -	20 00 20 00
New Jersey, Balance, 1846,	53 25	Georgia, - Rep. Tax, -	20 00 20 00
Books, -	29 00	Michigan, Rep. Tax, -	20 00
Cards, -	10 00	Books, -	42 50
Rep. Tax, 1847,	20 00	Diploma Charters,	10 00
	112 25	Cards, -	15 00
Connecticut, - Rep. Tax, 1847,	20 00 20 00		87 50
South Carolina, Cards, -	2 50 2 50		\$906 25
Maine, - Balance, -	62 00		

Comparative Progress of the Order, 1846—1847.

Year.	Lodges.	Increase.	Revenue.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Relief.	Increase.
1846	992		\$708,305 40		90,753		\$197,317 00	
1847	1392	400	\$888,605 07	\$180,299 67	118,061	28,308	\$302,243 41	\$104,926 41

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. Grand Lodge U. S. & F. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1847.																		
LODGES.	Where held.	States.	Number of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. Grand Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	Number of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	Number of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for Families of Widowed.	Amount paid for Educational purposes.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	Total amount for Relief.
G. Lodge of Maryland.	Baltimore.	Md.	41	1423	311	11	680	14	\$44,239 23	6197	1403	156	77	\$13,902 18	\$12,625 83	\$3,650 70	\$4,233 17	\$36,311 58
Massachusetts.	Boston.	Mass.	119	1508	468	25	931	14	75,328 81	19013	1831	55	97	31,543 07	1,510 78	94 00	4,282 17	37,704 02
New York.	New York.	N. York.	209	8852	1065	49	9275	11	932,080 06	30296	4429	312	291	89,019 07	7,919 07	689 25	8,098 69	56,196 05
Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	Penn'a.	953	8334	554	79	2925	13	1,397,750 64	33105	3112	713	132	31,851 31	4,170 15	68 25	6,815 31	49,015 59
District of Columbia.	Washington.	D. of C.	13	254	61	4	291	10	8,551 36	1634	316	13	11	3,005 66	146 00	175 99	344 00	3,761 65
Delaware.	Wilmington.	Delaware	11	498	12	1	84	7	4,150 03	692	81	1	1	703 05	30 00	1 00	75 00	739 05
Ohio.	Cincinnati.	Ohio	57	2719	92	143	763	12	73,329 44	1040	1633	42	72	17,524 02	845 71	10 65	2530 50	20,081 18
Louisiana.	New Orleans.	Louisiana	14	548	3	5	94	14	25,363 53	1040	46	42	10	1,210 50	90 00		692 50	1,583 00
New Jersey.	Trenton.	N. Jersey	63	1565	137	6	525	9	35,097 72	4768	668	11	27	9,501 49	294 73		1,037 27	11,03 55
Kentucky.	Louisville.	Kentucky	33	596	94	6	337	6	13,977 50	1619	147	13	12	2,730 83	163 52		475 93	3,409 40
Virginia.	Richmond.	Virginia	47	978	133	14	453	8	21,976 19	2917	333	39	23	3,130 19	817 47		1,165 34	5,507 71
Indiana.	Madison.	Indiana	45	583			269		19,977 97	1594	16			2,705 10			358 83	3,263 93
Mississippi.	Natchez.	Miss.	22	381	51	3	186	7	13,734 13	879	50	2	7	888 00	45 00		345 26	1,556 02
Missouri.	St. Louis.	Missouri	24	405	59	6	178	6	12,244 61	1068	117	11	11	1,532 16	908 00		175 00	2,501 16
Illinois.	Springfield.	Illinois	26	372	52	8	140	5	7,553 51	1004	135	3	9	1,580 53	33 00		257 00	1,570 83
Connecticut.	New Haven.	Conn.	50	1249	147	14	203	7	33,056 54	4650	662	20	23	9,082 58	291 38		727 10	10,369 23
Tennessee.	Nashville.	Tennessee	27	557	37	10	164	4	17,107 80	1300	89	6	20	1,954 50	184 55		238 74	2,506 61
Texas.	Houston.	Texas	3	46	9	1	13	1	1,497 71	106	19	3		38 50			60 00	298 50
South Carolina.	Charleston.	S. Carolina	14	271	40	30	143	5	14,017 54	1566	175	39	14	3,367 50	1,216 00		590 00	5,714 58
Alabama.	Mobile.	Alabama	18	315	7	7	106	4	12,068 15	856	69	5	8	1,394 55	184 00		262 00	1,829 80
North Carolina.	Wilmington.	N. Car.	13	277	1	9	79	5	7,143 29	761	4	6	4	508 04	103 10		132 00	749 14
Georgia.	Savannah.	Georgia	17	383	81	5	121	3	14,942 13	1632	207	7	20	2,225 14	294 33		692 50	3,274 97
Maine.	Portland.	Maine	49	845	165	14	338	3	27,980 00	5348	530	11	35	9,143 23	247 75		1,152 00	10,503 08
Rhode Island.	Providence.	R. Island	13	73	12	5	116	2	3,905 42	1743								
New Hampshire.	Concord.	N. Hamp.	19	326	88		131	3	5,641 00	1980	269	11	18	3,471 74	89 07		845 00	4,405 81
Wales.	Tredegear.	S. W.																
Michigan.	Detroit.	Michigan	24	612	12	2	115	4	11,965 08	1557	60	7	9	2,305 99	75 00		311 17	2,692 16
Wisconsin.	Waukegan.	Wisconsin	14	251	1		60	1	5,679 08	1069							90 00	130 22
Iowa.	Millwaukee.	Iowa	8	119	3				2,315 00	291				125 50	40 22		15 00	135 50
Vermont.		Vermont	11	294	1	3	24		4,28 06	559	5			43 50				58 50
Arkansas.		Arkansas	3	46					134 00	47								
Florida.		Florida	3	17					469 00	67								
			1399	33794	3586	221	11,416	108	\$888,605 07	118961	16764	1476	806	\$27,550 67	\$31,184 70	\$61,822 36	\$30,955 08	\$302,243 41

R-ports are due from Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 6 and 6, term ending 31st December, 1846, and no report of relief received except from No. 3

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

1846.	Ch.	
Sept. 25.	To cash on hand,	\$9,150 18
	To cash from Grand Secretary, for Charters,	920 00
"	" dues,	1,059 00
"	" books,	1,189 52
"	" diplomas,	164 50
"	" cards,	816 61
"	" rep. tax,	506 00
"	" odes,	5 50
	Balance of 1846,	1,476 00
	Total,	\$15,288 14

1846.	Dr.	
Sept. 25.	By cash to P. Paulin, for gold watch presented to Grand Secretary,	\$350 00
"	" J. G. Treadwell, travelling expenses,	40 00
"	" J. Clark, per bill,	1 50
"	" G. Winchester, printing for Grand Secretary,	12 00
"	" William R. Smith, postage,	2 75
"	" S. Pratt, postage,	1 30
"	" A. Case, D. G. Sire, expenses,	50 00
"	" " postage,	2 70
"	" L. Jones, Grand Guardian, expenses,	20 00
Sept. 26.	" J. D. McCabe, Grand Chaplain, expenses,	70 50
"	" E. S. Fryer, for frame,	2 00
"	" T. Sherlock, Grand Sire, expenses,	100 00
"	" " postage,	30 70
"	" J. E. Chamberlain, for sundries,	15 50
Sept. 28.	" William W. Moore, expenses,	25 92
"	" J. L. Ridgely, office expenses,	96 44
Sept. 29.	" A. G. Day, premium on bill of exchange,	11 23
Oct. 1.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,	16 05
"	" R. & A. Campbell, for watch chain for Grand Secretary,	28 00
"	" 6. " J. Lee, for sixty-four shares of Ohio stock,	6017 00
"	" 29. " J. Young, printing proceedings,	237 24
Nov. 2.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,	4 76
"	" 5. " Collecting draft on Montreal, Canada,	1 50
Dec. 1.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,	3 83
"	" 4. " J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,	250 00
"	" " J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary Grand Messenger,	37 50
"	" " Interest on loan from Marion Lodge, N. Y.,	30 30
"	" 17. " Marion Lodge loan and interest,	1010 00
"	" " J. A. Kennedy, on account of appropriation,	89 13
1847.		
Jan. 2.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,	9 54
"	" 7. " Draft on the Grand Lodge of New York, protested,	934 35
"	" " For Protesting draft " " " " " "	1 75
"	" 27. " B. F. Zimmerman, for filling up charters,	12 00

1847.				
Feb. 2.	By cash to J. Young, for printing proceedings,	- - -	\$473	64
" 3.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,		8	35
" 13.	" J. Lefman, for printing German work, Encampments,		85	00
" 22.	" Discount on draft from Kellogg,	- - -	1	09
Mar. 2.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,		6	92
" 12.	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,		250	00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary Grand Messenger,		37	50
" 18.	" Expenses on return of books,	- - -	4	25
April 1.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,		9	20
" 6.	" P. Smick, for printing cards,	- - -	196	37
" 10.	" J. J. Johnson, on account of desks,	- - -	100	00
May 10.	" J. A. Kennedy, for engraving,	- - -	150	00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,		7	51
June 2.	" " " " " "	-	7	25
" 11.	" " " " " " " " " "	-	37	50
" 19.	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,		250	00
July 2.	" C. McGowan, for printing,	- - -	246	50
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,		12	33
" "	" A. & J. B. Mathiot,	- - -	8	00
" 27.	" L. Bonsall, for binding one hundred proceedings,	-	75	00
Aug. 2.	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of Grand Secretary,	-	9	36
" 6.	" S. Jacobs, for carpeting,	- - -	46	50
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for making carpeting,	- - -	4	50
" 12.	" Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent and fuel,	- -	165	00
" 31.	" J. W. Bond, stationery,	- - -	140	93
" "	" F. Lucas,	- - -	145	67
" "	" J. J. Johnson, for desks,	- - -	400	00
" "	" P. Smick, for printing cards,	- - -	153	00
" "	" J. Young, for printing,	- - -	79	96
Sept. 1.	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary, Grand Secretary,		250	00
" "	" " " " " " " " " "	-	7	72
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, quarter's salary and postage,	-	49	69
" "	" Collecting drafts and discount on uncorrect funds,		10	80
" "	" A. F. Warner, salary Grand Treasurer,	- -	100	00
	By cash on hand,	- - -	2243	01

\$15,288 14

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., presented a volume of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, and in connexion therewith offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That so much of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York as relates to the alteration of the Constitution of that body, during and since the Session of May, 1846, of the same, and which shall have been officially presented to this R. W. Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee of Appeals, with power to send for persons and papers, provided no expense to this G. Lodge be incurred thereby.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the query presented by Rep. AtLee, of the District of Columbia, report :

Under the By-Laws (Art 10) the Constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval. The committee believe that the analogy of the law includes also amendments to such Constitutions.

The committee therefore report that the Constitutions of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments and all amendments thereto, must be submitted to this body for examination. If approved, they, of course, become the organic law. If error be found, the error must be corrected. In order to cover the whole ground the committee take leave to add that in the interval between the adoption of the Constitution, or amendment, and its confirmation by the G. L. U. S., it is binding upon the body by which it has been adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the questions proposed by the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, and report :

A member of an Encampment who withdraws from his Lodge, becomes absolutely severed from his Encampment if he does not renew his membership in a Subordinate Lodge, within one month from the date of his card. (page 956.) But by the renewal of membership in a Subordinate Lodge, (within the time limited) the membership in the Encampment is *ipso facto* renewed, and if the Patriarch desire to withdraw, he must pursue the usual course.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions submitted by Rep. Bain, of Va., report :

According to the letter of the law of this G. L., the T. P. W. can only be given by a N. G. or C. P. to the members of their own bodies respectively. But in the case of brothers who are called from home suddenly, without time to make personal application for their visiting cards, a practice appears to have grown up of accompanying the card when forwarded, by a letter from the N. G. of the Lodge granting it to the N. G. of some Lodge in the place where the travelling brother is temporarily resident, which letter conveys a request that the P. W. should be communicated. This practice appears to have originated in the necessity of the case, for without some such system the P. W. could not be communicated, the card would be useless, and the travelling brother would be debarred from the privilege of visiting. The committee therefore believe that this practice should be sanctioned.

In answer to the second inquiry, the committee report, that under the 30th By-Law, "Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are prohibited from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, where Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood." Under this law it is competent for an individual who is a member of a Lodge in one State, to attach himself to the nearest Encampment in another, provided there be no Encampment in the

immediate neighborhood of his lodge. To the case, however, which occasionally presents itself of an individual *changing his residence*, but *continuing his Lodge membership* in his former residence, the committee believe that a different rule should apply. Such an individual should be allowed to join the Encampment in the State of his new abode, at or nearest to his own residence.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the resolution accompanying the same adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had under consideration the remarks in the report of the late M. W. G. Sire, touching the case of P. G. M. Bolsover and others, members of the extinct English Lodges. The existing laws of the Grand Lodge not reaching the case, the committee in view of the great propriety of extending to those brothers the privileges which others, in similar situations, under our State jurisdictions enjoy, append a resolution which they ask the Grand Lodge to adopt. The committee believe that the provision which they propose should be made general, so as to include the members of all Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which are now, or may hereafter become extinct. They have drafted a resolution accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish certificates in the nature of withdrawal cards, to all members of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which are now or may hereafter become extinct: said certificates to be signed by the Grand Secretary, to be attested by the seal of this Grand Lodge, to entitle the holder to all the privileges exercised under withdrawal cards, and only to be issued after the presentation by the applicant of satisfactory evidence of membership and good standing.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petitions of various applicants for Subordinate Encampments, in States wherein no Grand Encampments exist, would respectfully report, that they have examined said applications, and recommend the ratification of the warrants by the grant of charters, if the charter fee has been received by the Grand Secretary:

For Pulaski Encampment,	No. 4, Cahawba, Alabama.
" Magnolia "	" 4, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
" Halcyon "	" 1, DuBuque, Iowa.
" Wilson "	" 2, Southport, Wisconsin Ter.
" Raleigh "	" 5, Raleigh, N. C.
" Turnbigbee "	" 6, Columbus, Miss.
" Noxubee "	" 5, Macon, Miss.
" Lone Star "	" 1, Galveston, Texas.
" McDonnell "	" 2, Smyrna, Del.
Reynolds "	" 3, Wilmington, Del.
Eagle "	" 1, Helena, Arkansas.
Eureka "	" 2, Burlington, Iowa.
Eureka "	" 7, Newbern, N. C.
Wayne "	" -, Centreville, Indiana.

The committee would remark that in some cases the petitions were not accompanied by proper vouchers, but believing that this was owing altogether to a want of information on the part of the petitioners, they are willing to recommend them to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom were referred sundry documents, beg to report back to the G. Lodge of the United States, the following petitions and memorials, which they conceive belong appropriately to other standing committees of this body, viz :

Resolutions respecting the six months term, from the G. Lodges of Maine and Pennsylvania, and from Subordinate Lodges, Lily of Mound, Wisconsin; Hermans Lodge, Texas; Lake Dunmore Lodge, Vermont; Cahawba Lodge, Alabama.

Resolutions from sundry Lodges in Alabama, respecting the change of place of meeting of the G. Lodge of that State.

Resolutions from G. Lodge of Wisconsin, respecting the per-centage of that Lodge.

Petition from Telulah Lodge, Arkansas, for change of place of meeting.

Petition from Geo. Bolsover for a card.

The Committee of Appeals suggest the reference of above documents to other committees.

PETER DELLA TORRE, *Chairman Committee Appeals.*

Rep. Clarke, of N. J., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., so much of the above as refers to the six months term, the petitions of Geo. Bolsover and Telulah Lodge, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, so much as refers to the removal of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, to the Committee on Petitions; and so much as relates to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Magnolia Lodge, No. 83, of Ohio, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, ask leave to report, that in their opinion the decision of the Grand Master, sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, defining the regalia of a Subordinate Lodge, is in accordance with the 25th By-Law of the Grand Lodge of the United States; they would therefore recommend that the decision be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the "appeal of Montgomery Lodge,

No. 5, at Dayton, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the case of C. H. Bronson," beg leave to report :

They have had the subject under consideration, and see no reason sufficient to induce them to interfere with the decision of the Grand Lodge. The material facts connected with the matter are these : John Mills, of Montgomery Lodge, preferred charges against C. H. Bronson "for publishing a malicious libel upon him, in regard to his conduct as a public officer, for knowingly and wilfully seeking to injure his character, by false representations in regard to his official duties, published in a newspaper edited by Bronson, and generally of acting in a manner unbecoming an Odd-Fellow."

Upon his trial, Bronson was convicted by his Lodge and sentenced to be suspended for two years from all the privileges of the Order. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and, after much discussion, as it appears, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the decision of Montgomery Lodge, No. 5, in December last, in the case of Brother C. H. Bronson, be reversed, inasmuch as this complaint made upon him was founded upon a political matter, and therefore by the laws and customs of the Order, said Lodge had no jurisdiction in the case."

The committee have had before them the newspapers containing the alleged libels, and whilst they are not prepared to assert as a principle that complaints founded upon political matters may never furnish ground for the interference of a Lodge, still, in the present instance they see nothing in the case which would cause them to recommend a revision of the decision of the Grand Lodge. The committee therefore recommend that the appeal of Montgomery Lodge be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

On motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., 1000 extra copies of the Grand Secretary's Report, was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Rep. Hough, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Bain, of Va., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Deputy G. Sire and C. Secretary be a committee to revise the forms, &c. of the installation of officers of this Grand Lodge, and report the same to the Lodge at the next session.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Va., leave of absence was granted to the Grand Secretary, in consequence of the loss, by death, of a member of his family.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Rippawaw Lodge against the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, respectfully submit the following report :

It appears from documents placed in the hands of the committee that in November, 1846, the R. W. Grand Master of Connecticut sent an official communication to the Lodges under his jurisdiction, promulgating the law of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in regard to the change of the official term of Subordinate Lodges, as passed at the Session of September, 1846; and directing the officers then in the

chairs of the respective Lodges to continue in their official stations until the time of election and installation, as provided in the law of this Grand Lodge. Rippawaw Lodge, believing the proceeding to be informal and illegal, refused to obey this mandate, and elected and installed her officers at the usual time. The Grand Master brought this matter before the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in his message to that body at the Session of January, 1847, and the Grand Lodge subsequently passed a resolution approving the action of the Grand Master, and disapproving that of Rippawaw Lodge; from this action Rippawaw Lodge appeals to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee are of the opinion that the course pursued by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, for the purpose of carrying the supreme law of the Order into effect was regular and legal, and that the plain duty of the Subordinate Lodges was to obey the constituted authorities of the Order. Rippawaw Lodge having refused to render due obedience, has no just cause of complaint that her course met a mild reproof for her dereliction of duty. Your committee ask leave to submit the following resolution.

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Resolved, That the appeal of Rippawaw Lodge be dismissed, and that the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in the premises, be confirmed.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., presented the memorial of Capitol Lodge, No. 208, of that State, asking redress for the grievance therein stated.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., objected to the reception of the memorial, as being made without the assent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., to refer the memorial to the Committee on Appeals, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., presented the memorial of Henry Leffman, of that State, praying redress of the grievance therein complained of.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., objected to the reception of the memorial, and upon motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., submitted the following inquiry, which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is any officer or member of a Grand Encampment eligible for election to the office of Grand Patriarch?

Rep. Gill, of Del., submitted the following which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware asks the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, whether a State Grand Lodge possesses the power to expel a member from the Order?

Rep. Hough, of Virginia, presented the certificate of the G. Scribe of the G. Encampment of that State, setting forth the removal of the G. Encampment of that State, which on his motion was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Dwinelle, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred an application for a Grand Lodge in the State of Vermont, would respectfully report:

That the papers submitted to them are in due form, and that in the opinion of your committee the application should be granted.

Your committee would further report, that the applicants do not, in their petition,

specify any place at which the Grand Lodge of Vermont should be located, but refer its location "to such place as in the wisdom of this Right Worthy Body may seem of most advantage to the interests of our beloved Order." It appears, also, by accompanying papers emanating from the convention of Past Grands applying for the charter, that a diversity of sentiment prevails among the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Vermont, as to the proper place at which the Grand Lodge should be located, but that rather than suffer that diversity to become a cause of dissension among themselves, they have referred the whole matter to the decision of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge. Your committee have therefore examined into the question of a proper location for the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and have arrived at the conclusion that the town of Montpelier, the capital of the State, situated nearly at its geographical centre and comparatively accessible from all parts of it, presents the natural location sought for. They therefore recommend that a charter be granted for a Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, to be located at the town of Montpelier, in that State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Roche, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the first N. G. of a newly instituted Lodge be entitled to receive the degrees of the past V. G. and Past Secretary, and that the first V. G. of a similar Lodge be entitled to receive the degree of Past Secretary in the same manner.

Rep. McCauley, of Md., offered the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has the Grand Lodge of the United States the power to alter the Charter, Constitution, or By-Laws of a State Grand Lodge, after it has been submitted to this Grand Lodge and approved, without first obtaining the consent of the State Grand Lodge?

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to keep a secret journal of the proceedings of this body, in which shall be recorded such matters as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge should not be made public.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the resolution making the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business the order of the day for twelve o'clock to-morrow, was reconsidered.

Whereupon Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion to make the said report the special order for to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

Rep. Kelly, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the action of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, with reference to changing the place of location from Portsmouth to Alexandria, beg leave to report: That it appears the Grand Encampment held its Session on the evening previous to the time designated by a resolution of this R. W. Grand Body, for satisfactory reasons stated to your committee. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

Resolved, That the action had at said Session of the Grand Encampment, in Portsmouth, on the 14th day of April last, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Deferred Business.

The first subject of unfinished business reported being under consideration, on motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, September 22, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. S. Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation, except G. Cor. Secretary Ridgely, absent by leave of the Grand Lodge. The M. W. G. Sire appointed G. Secretary Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, presented the credentials of the Representative from the Grand Lodge of British North America, and on his motion they were referred to a special committee. The chair named Reps. Wilson, Taylor and Neally as the committee.

Rep. Parker of N. H., asked and obtained leave of absence for the day for his colleagues, Reps. Senter and Brown.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was read and agreed to :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of George Bolsover (late of England) for a card, report that by the action of this body yesterday the prayer of the petitioner has been granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, presented the following report, which was read and agreed to :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry referred to them on the motion of Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., report, that the order of business contained in the printed work of Subordinates is to be considered in the light of a recommendation merely. It is no part of the work of the Order, properly so called, and the committee believe that the G. L. had no intention, in adopting it, to force Subordinates to adhere strictly to the form as laid down. What the character of the business transacted is to be, the laws of this body prescribe, but the mode of taking up and going through the business, both reason and policy require should be left to the regulation of the Subordinates themselves. If they can conveniently adhere to the form in the charge book, it is only proper that they should do so ; if they cannot, they may regulate the order of business to suit their particular necessities.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had before them a petition from Henry Leffman, referred to them on the motion of one of the Representatives of Pa. The committee expressly deny the right of any individual not a member of this body, to present any subject for its consideration ; but in consequence of the real importance of the question proposed, the committee recommend that some action be taken thereon.

The resolution on the subject of Encampment membership to be found on page 936, is defective in one particular. A Patriarch who under the operation of that law loses his membership, is left in a position which he should not occupy. No provision is made for his obtaining a withdrawal card, to which, if he be in good standing the committee consider him to be clearly entitled. This defect, however, admits of easy remedy, and the committee append a resolution which will remove the evil.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That where by the operation of the resolution on page 352, volume 2, a Patriarch loses his membership in an Encampment, it shall be the duty of the proper officers of said Encampment to furnish said Patriarch with a regular withdrawal card ; provided said Patriarch shall be in good standing, and comply with the regulations of said Encampment, touching such cards.

On motion of Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, to suspend the consideration of the subject, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Special Committee on Credentials, it was agreed to.

Rep. Wilson, from the Special Committee on that subject, presented the following report, which was received :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom were referred the credentials of P. C. P. S. B. Campbell, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of British North America, have to report, that they are correct ; but, as they find no authority for the admission of a Representative from said Grand Lodge, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution, presented at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, as found at page 693 of the Journal.

WM. DUANE WILSON,
J. H. TAYLOR,
E. S. J. NEALLEY.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, moved that so much of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, on page 963, vol. 2, as refers to Representatives from foreign jurisdictions, be now taken up, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the amendment proposed by Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., on page 963, vol. 2, was then considered and adopted. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEA—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Himes, (2 votes,) Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Macdonough, Parker, (2 votes,) Roche, Smith, Stokes, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yeager, P. G. S. Sherlock.—48.

NAVE—Chapman, (2 votes,) Day, Kerlin, Moore, (2 votes).—6.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved that the Representative from the Grand Lodge of British North America, be now introduced to this body, which was agreed to. Whereupon Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, intro-

duced Grand Representative Campbell of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The Grand Lodge then resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was not agreed to :

To recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of repealing all action of the Grand Lodge at the last Session, page 956; thus leaving the legislation in the hands of the Subordinate Grand Encampment.

The question recurring upon the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have considered the resolution of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the resolution of Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan; all on the subject of the terms of Subordinate Lodges.

The six months term was adopted at the last Session, by one of the most decisive votes taken during the entire communication. In a full Grand Lodge, a majority of 42 against 16 voted for the measure, and that majority represented more than 80,000 contributing members, the entire constituency of the Order being, as then reported, less than 91,000. A majority so large for a measure involving such important consequences is not easily paralleled, and when to this fact the committee add, that the only two Past Grand Sires who were present, (both venerable brothers, and one of them the founder and father of the American Order,) voted with the majority, it seems impossible to justify the proposition so hastily made for repeal. The action of the Grand Lodge, too, was based upon the deliberate and careful report of this committee, then differently constituted. It was had on the second day of the communication.—Ample opportunity was therefore afforded for the Grand Lodge to retrace its steps by reconsideration, if it had been led into hasty and careless legislation. Such, however, was not the case. The whole proceeding was conducted with a proper degree of care and the character of the majority as well as the entire acquiescence in the result during the remainder of the communication, rebuts the imputation of improper haste and want of due consideration.

It is unnecessary for the committee to enter afresh into the examination of the merits of this question. The mind of the whole Order has been for many months past oppressed with the subject. The argument is entirely exhausted, or if it be necessary to renew it, the floor and not the committee room is the proper field.

To one objection, however, the committee think it their duty to respond. Especial stress has been laid in some sections of the country on the length of service in inferior offices necessary to qualify for the Vice Grand's chair. This objection has been generally based upon provisions of the local laws requiring two terms of inferior service as a qualification for promotion. If this was considered an evil, the remedy was easy and the local Grand bodies might have applied it; but the committee do not deem it improper for this body to declare a general principle, which they think will meet the emergency. The doctrine that twenty-six nights service is sufficient to qualify for the office of V. G., has by long usage, in the opinion of the committee, become entitled to consideration as a general law. If this be so, the objection now under review is entirely obviated. Six months service, under the old system, was the required time.—Six months service under the new arrangement, should be held sufficient.

The committee therefore report, in answer to the resolution of Rep. Ellison, that it is inexpedient to restore the three months term, and in answer to the resolution of Rep. Ramsdell, that it is also inexpedient to extend the term to one year. The committee are happy that, so far as the first proposition is concerned, they can fortify their own opinion by the unanimous strength of so respectable a body as the G. L. of Ohio.

The committee append resolutions expressive of their views.

One member of the committee (the member from Mass.) desires to say, that in the conscientious discharge of his duty to *this body* he has felt himself bound to concur with his colleagues in the foregoing report, reserving to himself of course, the privilege of performing what he equally considers his duty, when the vote shall be taken. In obedience to the instructions of his G. L. he must vote for the repeal.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate in reference to the term of Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That twenty-six nights service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the chair of V. G., provided, of course, the Brother has attained to sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent.

Rep. Marshall of Ky., moved the following substitute for the resolution accompanying the report of the committee :

WHEREAS the length of the terms of Subordinate Lodges is a subject entirely within the jurisdiction of State Grand Lodges, and as some jurisdictions may require longer terms of office than others, therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution of the last Session of the Grand Lodge, regulating the terms of Subordinate Lodges, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the form following : " Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative. At this stage of the proceeding, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked what the main question was ? The Grand Sire decided the main question to be the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, from which decision Rep. Marshall, of Ky., appealed, and the question being put, " Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge ?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

A division of the question being asked and obtained, the main question was then put : " Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order ?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Day, Demick, Ellison, Griffin, Kerlin, Lilly, Moore, MacDonough, Neally, (2 votes.) Ramsdell, (2 votes.) Sessford, Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes.) Simons, Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wakefield, Ware, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock—33.

NAYS—Anderson, of N. C., Bain, Chapman, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, (2 votes.) Deschamps, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes.) Jones, (2 votes.) Kelly, (2 votes.) Marshall, (2 votes.) MacRae, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes.) Parker, (2 votes.) Roche, Smith, (2 votes.) Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Wells, Yeager—32.

And the question being again put, " Will the Grand Lodge adopt the second resolution accompanying the report of the committee ?" it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J.,

Chapman, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) De Saussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, (2 votes,) Lilly, Moore, McCauley, McKinnell, (2 votes,) MacDonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Senter, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wakefield, Ware, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Sherlock—52.

NAYS—Reps. Clark, of Conn., Marshall, Wells, P. G. Sire Hopkins—4.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, September 22, 4 o'clock

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. Grand Sire Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Wilson, of Wis., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Representative E. C. Robinson, M. W. Grand Master of Virginia, be invited to attend the Sessions of this Grand Lodge, and admitted to a seat within the body of the House.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, gave notice that he would, at a future time, move a reconsideration of the resolution passed this morning, in reference to the change of terms.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence have had the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary placed in their hands. We beg leave to report, that all matters contained in the documents submitted to us, have either been definitely acted on or referred to appropriate Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SPOONER,
GEORGE M. BAIN.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. T. C. Benteen, from a decision of the G. L. of Va., beg leave to report, that at a recent Session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia the following question was submitted for its opinion: "Is it in accordance with the usages of the Order for a V. G. to confer degrees in the absence of the N. G., unless the V. G. be also a P. G.?" The Grand Lodge of Virginia replied that "in the absence of the N. G. the V. G. is *de facto* N. G., and entitled to exercise all said officer's powers."

From this decision brother Benteen has appealed to this body.

As there is no general law specifically or in terms providing for the case stated, recourse must be had to the analogies and customs of the Order, and obligations and charges of the officer. After an examination of the obligations and charges of the N. G. (to which the Committee do not think it necessary to refer particularly,) the committee have come to the conclusion that, in the absence of the N. G., it is not only the right, but the duty of the V. G. to take the place of the superior officer and fulfil all his functions. It is the very object in view in the creation of a vice officer. All the analogies of every organized body support the same conclusion.

The committee therefore recommend that the appeal of T. C. Benteen, P. G. M. be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be sustained.

PETER DELLA TORRE,
L. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution accompanying adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, relative to the removal of the said Grand Lodge from Springfield to the city of Peoria, beg leave to report :

That it appears to the committee that the Grand Lodge, and a large majority of the Subordinate Lodges of Illinois, are desirous to change the location of the Grand Lodge of that State, and establish it in the city of Peoria.

The reasons assigned are many ; among others, that Peoria is more central, and much easier of access to the majority of the Subordinate Lodges than the present location of the Grand Lodge—and your committee are satisfied from statements made to them, that the good of the order will be promoted by the change ; they therefore recommend the following preamble and resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. MACRAE,
W. SIMONS,
SAMUEL LILLY.

It appearing to his Grand Lodge that a majority of the Subordinate Lodges in Illinois are desirous to change the location of the Grand Lodge of that state from Springfield to the city of Peoria ;
Resolved.

That the Grand Lodge of Illinois be permitted to change its location to the city of Peoria, and this Grand Lodge hereby concurs in said removal.

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Grand Corresponding Secretary's Report, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Select Committee to whom were referred the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, with instructions to distribute the subjects therein contained amongst the appropriate committees, report :

That all that portion relating to the appropriation for desks and chairs, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

All that portion relating to "Stereotyping the Journal," to a Select Committee.

All that portion relating to the "new supply of charge and degree books," the stereotyping of the revised work, and the translation thereof, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

All that portion relating to the "publication of the Odes," to the committee already appointed to consider the claims of the authors thereof.

All that portion relating to the expenses incurred during the recess without special authority, to the Committee on Finance.

All that portion relating to the Diploma plate and the Certificate published by Winchester, of New York, to a Select Committee.

All that portion relating to Foreign Affairs, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

All that portion relating to receipts and dues to the Committee on Finance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL YORKE ATLEE,
W. L. M'CAULEY,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

The chair announced the appointment of the following committees :

On so much of the Grand Corresponding Secretary's report, which refers to "Stereotype Plates of the Journal," to Reps. Williamson, of Tenn., Hough, of Va., and Demick, of Conn.

On so much of the same which refers to Diploma Plate and the Certificate published by E. Winchester, to Reps. Ramsdell, of Mich., Yohe, of Penn., and McKinnell, of La.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the work of the Order be so altered as to conform to the terms of Subordinate Lodges as adopted at the last Session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., the resolution was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That Past Deputy Grand Sire Albert Case be and he is hereby respectfully invited to take a seat in this body during the Session.

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of obtaining the likenesses of such of our Past Grand Sires whose portraits are not in possession of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the same committee procure also the portrait of the R. W. G. Cor. Secretary.

The Chair named Reps. AtLee, of D. of C., Griffin, of Ga., and Spooner, of Ohio, as the Committee.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following inquiries, which were on his motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

When a member who proposes to visit a Lodge or Encampment presents himself correct in the work, can the body he proposes to visit require him to take a test oath or obligation that he is truly a member of the Order?

Can a person holding a clearance card from the Manchester Unity connect himself with the Order under this jurisdiction?

If he can, should it be by initiation?

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., offered the following amendment to Art. 14th of Constitution which was ordered to lie on the table :

Amend Art. XIV by inserting after the words "Grand Lodge," in first line, the words "and "Grand Encampment." Proposed by Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Roche, of Md.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., offered the following amendment to the Article of the Constitution upon the subject of Representatives from and to foreign jurisdictions, adopted at the morning Session, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Amend the article which was this morning adopted to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of sending Representatives to foreign jurisdictions, by inserting after the second word of the new article, the word "previous." Proposed by Rep. Moore, of D. of C., seconded by Rep. Griffin, of Ga.

Rep. Roche, of Md., submitted the following, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

WHEREAS, there exists at the present time in Maryland one or more Lodges that have obtained from the Grand Lodge permission to work alternately in the English and German language; and whereas one of the said Subordinate Lodges elects two sets of officers; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to report as to the propriety of Subordinate Lodges electing two sets of officers.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted a communication on the subject of Regalia; on his motion, it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Roche, of Md., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business, as reported by the committee on that subject, on page 18 :

Amendment to Article 14th of the Constitution, on page 853, vol. 2, was considered and determined in the negative. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Lilly, Taylor, of Md., Theobald.—3

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Cole, Clark, of Conn., Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, Hough, Jones, Kerlin, Kelly, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, Roche, Sessford, Senter, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Simons, (2 votes,) Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Sherlock.—52.

Amendments to Articles 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 15, of the Constitution, on page 868, vol. 2, being under consideration, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked and obtained leave to withdraw said amendments.

Amendments to Article 10th of Constitution, on page 900, vol. 2, was then considered and adopted. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Clark, of Conn., Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (3 votes,) Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock.—61

NAYS—None.

Amendment to Article 12th of the Constitution, on page 817, vol. 2, was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Affron, Brewer, Chapman, Clark, of Conn., Jones, (2 votes,) McKinnell, Neally, (2 votes,) Senter, Taylor, of S. C., Theobald.—12.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) De Saussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moore, Morris, McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock.—47.

Amendment to Article 14th of the Constitution, on page 918 was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Clark, of N. J., Cole, Clark, of Conn., Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) Ellison, Hough, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, (3 votes,) Roche, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Wells, Wakefield, Ware.—36.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Bain, Brown, of Miss., Chapman, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Jones, (2 votes,) Moore, Morris, McCauley, Parker, (2 votes,) Sessford, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, (2 votes,) Stokes, Woodruff, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock.—29.

Amendment to Art. 8th of the Constitution, page 929, vol. 2, was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows :

YEAS—None.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, De Saussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, Hough, Jones, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, Moore, Morris, McCauley, McKinnell, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, (2 votes,) Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, (2 votes,) Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sire Wildey—52.

Amendment to Art. 10th of the Constitution on page 964, vol. 2, was then considered and rejected. The yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS—Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Chapman, Ellison, Holmes, Marshall, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Simons, Ware—13.

NAYS—Bain, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Cole, Davis, of Mass., Day, Demick, Dimon, (2 votes,) Griffin, Gill, Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Moore, Morris, McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, Wakefield, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Sherlock—41.

Rep. Campbell, of the Grand Lodge of British North America, submitted a communication from that Grand Lodge, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Clark, of N. J., it was resolved unanimously that the same be spread upon the journal of this body.

I. O. O. F.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of British North America:

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Brethren, we greet you well. We consider it a fortunate circumstance that our first regular Session has been held in time to enable us to delegate to one of our number the pleasing duty of congratulating your Right Worthy Body on the recurrence of its Annual Communication.

Our worthy brother, L. B. CAMPBELL, Provincial Deputy Grand Sire for the Province of Toronto, will appear as our Special Grand Representative on this occasion, and we beg you will accredit him accordingly.

He will then be enabled to express in person, to your assembled body, more warmly and forcibly than it would be possible to convey in writing, those sentiments of cordial esteem and thankful consideration which this Grand Lodge will never fail to entertain towards its parent in Odd-Fellowship, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America.

By communicating to you a certified copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order which we have recently adopted, he will, we trust, convince you of our earnest desire to be guided by the light of your experience in our endeavors to preserve and enforce the principles of Odd-Fellowship in all their purity, and to oppose similarity of organization as a barrier against those deviations from the Usages and Work of the Order under your jurisdiction, which we stand pledged to avoid.

We invite your particular attention to the sixteenth By-Law, by which it is effectually provided that the A. T. P. W. shall always be the same in both jurisdictions and you may rest assured that the spirit which has actuated us in these respects will

not fail to be carried into the details of our legislation for the government of our subordinates.

Happy shall we be indeed if our endeavors to promote kindly feelings between man and man, to relieve temporal distress without injury to honest pride, to comfort the fatherless and the widow and to secure to the friendless orphan the invaluable blessing of a good education are attended with success in any way resembling that which has crowned the efforts of the body whose high example we are so desirous of emulating.

That your exertions and deliberations may continually be blessed by the Almighty Giver of all good, and that union and brotherly love may ever reign within and between our respective jurisdictions is the sincere prayer of your British American brethren in the bonds of the Order.

Given at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of Montreal, this sixteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and of our Order in British North America the fifth.

By the Grand Sire,

ANDREW WILSON, *Grand Secretary.*

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to "the Grand Lodge of British North America," was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., the communication from the Grand Lodge of British North America, was referred to a Special Committee.—The Grand Sire named Reps. Torre, of S. C., Marshall, of Ky., and Wells, of Mass., as the committee.

Reps. Torre and Marshall asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on said committee.

The Chair named Reps. Taylor, of S. C., and Kelly, of Va., to fill the vacancy.

P. G. Sire Sherlock asked and obtained leave to correct his report so far as it relates to the Grand Lodge of British North America.

Rep. Sessford, of D. C., offered the following resolution which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to present, through P. G. Campbell, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, ten copies of the first and second volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Williamson, of Tenn., asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the committee on stereotyping the journal.

The Chair appointed Rep. Smith, of Tenn., to fill the vacancy in said committee.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Journal of the Session of yesterday being in process of reading, on motion the reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution, which was read and concurred in :

Past Grand Master Joseph R. Taylor, the present M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York being in attendance,

Resolved, That he be invited to a seat in this R. W. Grand Lodge during this Session.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the location of Grand Lodges and Encampments.

The Chair named Rep. Senter, of N. H., to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Bain, of Va., asked leave to change his vote on the proposed amendment to the 14th Article of the Constitution, from the negative to the affirmative.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., asked leave to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative upon the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order in relation to the six months term.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Marshall, of Ky., and approve the suggestion.

They present the resolution in a modified shape and request the G. L. to adopt it.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,

E. M. P. WELLS,

J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the words "quarterly" and "quarter," wherever they occur in the Subordinate work, be stricken out, and "semi-annually" and "term," be inserted in its place.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order ask leave to report on the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio :

To the first question presented by said resolution, the committee answer : The mode of examining visitors has been expressly and clearly defined by this G. Lodge, page 690. A test O. B. N. is no part of that mode, and the committee would consider any Lodge or Encampment deserving of severe censure for introducing any such requirement.

To the second question, the committee answer : There is no reason for refusing to receive into our fraternity persons who have *withdrawn* from the Manchester Unity, but there being no communion between that body and ours, such persons can come into our Order only by initiation. They must come in precisely as other initiates. We know nothing of their clearance cards.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,

E. M. P. WELLS,

J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Torre, from the Committee on Appeals, asked and obtained leave for that committee to sit during the recess.

Rep. Dwinelle, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred two several applications for a charter for a Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa, would respectfully report, that the first application bears date on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1847, and emanates from Lodges Numbers 1, 3 and 4, of the State of Iowa, and prays that the Grand Lodge of that State may be located at Burlington; and that the second of said petitions, bears date on the 7th day of June, A. D. 1847, and emanates from Lodges Nos. 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the State of Iowa, and prays that the Grand Lodge of that State may be located at Bloomington. Your committee would further report, that in addition to the disagreement between the two petitions in reference to the location of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, there is a large mass of accompanying papers, showing that there is a wide and acrimonious dissension among the Lodges of the State of Iowa, as to the point at which the proposed Grand Lodge of that State shall be located. Your committee are of opinion, that inasmuch as the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Iowa have chosen to make this subject of location a matter of active contest and division among themselves, it will not be for the interest of this Order to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa until the Lodges in that State shall have evinced a returning spirit of harmony by uniting in a new petition for the charter of a Grand Lodge of that State, in which the place of the location of the proposed Grand Lodge shall be agreed upon and specified.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN.

Rep. Kelly, from the Committee on Petitions, made a report, which was read and accepted. The resolution accompanying the report being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the subject was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to strike out all that part of the report, which charges that injustice has been done to Brothers Mudge of Mass., and Taylor, of N. J.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Unrepresented Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to whom were referred so much of the report of the M. W. G. Sire as relates to the Grand Lodge of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that a visitor be selected by the M. G. W. Sire, competent to instruct the Grand Lodge of Texas in the correct work of the Order: Provided, That no expense shall be incurred by the Grand Lodge of the United States by said special visitation. Also, that the amount due this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Texas, contracted previous to its removal from Houston be remitted.

All of which is submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL.
G. P. SMITH,
JAMES A. COFFIN.

On motion to adopt the same a division of the subject was called for; the question being on adopting the first branch of the report, providing for the appointment of a visitor competent to instruct the Grand Lodge of Texas in the correct work, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second branch of the report relating to remitting the amount due by Grand Lodge of Texas previous to its removal from Houston, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Kelly, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was recommitted their report with instructions, made the following amended report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States .

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the application of Alfred Mudge of Mass., and James B. Taylor, of N. J., praying for remuneration from this R. W. G. Lodge, for certain services therein stated and set forth, beg leave to report, that the case in their judgment, presents matters for grave reflection and deliberation. From a careful examination of the whole matter, your committee believe that by the adoption of the following resolution the prayer of the petitioners will be satisfactorily answered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Resolved, That so much of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, 1-46, page 958, printed proceedings, as refers to the exclusive right of this body to print or publish the *Odes* for Grand or Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be, and the same is hereby repealed and annulled.

Rep. Simon, of R. I., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following, to wit :—“ Shall the main question be now put ? ” which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put : “ Will the Grand Lodge accept the report of the committee, and adopt the resolution accompanying the same, which was resolved in the negative, the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Brewer, Chapman, Cole, Davis, of Mass., (2 votes,) Demick, Dimon, Ellison, Green, Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) MacRae, (2 votes,) Senter, Wells, Wakefield.—22.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Affron, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., Day, DeSaussure, Gill, (2 votes,) Holmes, Kerlin, Morris, McCauley, (2 votes,) McKinnell, MacDonough, (2 votes,) Neally, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, (2 votes,) Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Taylor, of S. C., Theobald, Woodruff, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Sherlock.—39.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petitions of forty-eight Subordinate Lodges of the State of Ohio, praying the removal of the Grand Lodge of that State from Cincinnati to Columbus, beg leave to report :

That after a careful examination of the papers submitted to them, they can find no sufficient reason why this body should act upon the subject at present. The petitions are presented by a number of Subordinate Lodges, and appear to be occasioned by a circular emanating from a convention assembled at Dayton. It would further appear from a report adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, that the petitions for removal have neither been submitted to that body for their approval, nor in any manner legislated upon by it, further than to deny such facts as are stated in the circular above referred to. The State Grand Lodges having been repeatedly declared the supreme legislative

heads within their jurisdiction; any proposition to remove its place of meeting should proceed from itself, and the recognition of a right on the part of Subordinate Lodges to assemble in convention and legislate on matters relating to the internal affairs of the Grand Lodges has the dangerous tendency of establishing a power superior to the acknowledged legislative head of the Order. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
W. L. MCCAULEY,
E. P. THEOBALD. } Committee.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be dismissed.

On motion of Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., to accept the report, and adopt the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the report of the committee was also adopted.

Rep. Taylor, of S. C., from the Special Committee on that subject, moved the following report, which was read, accepted, and the resolutions accompanying the same unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, ask leave to report that they have given that consideration to the subject that its importance as connected with the friendly relations which exist between the Sovereign Lodges of Odd-Fellowship in British North America and the United States, demands. The attention of your committee, by request of the Grand Lodge of British North America, has been particularly directed to the 18th Article of their Constitution. They find this article to correspond with the 2nd resolution of the report from the Special Committee on the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada to be erected into a distinct sovereignty, adopted September 24th, 1846. By this harmony with our action, the important point of a *Uniform Travelling Password* in both sovereignties is obtained, and will be a strong bond of union and sympathy between the two bodies. Your committee are pleased to remark, that the whole Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British North America, corresponds in spirit, and often in terms, with our own, and furnishes a pleasing instance of the kindly sentiments and respect entertained towards this Grand Lodge by that body.

In view of the friendly relations now existing between the two jurisdictions, and in order to increase and perpetuate the same feeling, your committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES H. TAYLOR,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to reply in behalf of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to the communication from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America.

Resolved, That a special Grand Representative be accredited by this Grand Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America, for its next annual communication in Montreal.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pa. for approval, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed on so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's Report as relates to "the discussion of the internal affairs of our institution," respectfully report:

That the evil, to the correction of which the attention of this Grand Lodge has been called by the subject referred to your committee, is of recent origin. It originated with the newspaper publications, self-appointed organs of our Order. These periodicals have commenced, their existence within four years, and the discussions under consideration within a much shorter period. Your committee are startled at the rapid growth of an evil of so recent birth, and are deeply impressed with the importance of strangling this infant hydra while we can do it—fearing that from its rapid growth, it may soon be too herculean for even this Grand Body to bind.

Your committee presume that the existence of the evil under consideration is too well known to require further showing here, but the *extent* ought to be considered with very serious deliberation.

The operation of this evil is two-fold: The first of which is, the increase of ill-will among the members of the Order. For example—a verbal contention, bitter in the extreme, exists, but being local, its evil effects are circumscribed, and it soon dies; but being introduced into the newspapers, they spread over the whole brotherhood, a stream of bitterness and ill-will destructive to our vital principles, and they seem to bear with them the sanction of official organship.

The second injurious operation, is that of our appearing before the community notoriously in a false position. Persons, not members of the Order, read in our own papers, apparently authorized accusations, invectives and recrimination against each other, and they exclaim, "such is the brotherhood of good will!—such the acting out the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth!"

Your committee think that as the supreme head of Odd-Fellowship in these United States, this Grand Lodge is competent to take strong ground in suppressing this evil. But for the present, your committee believe that the evil may be checked by a milder course—by the adoption of the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. P. WELLS,
W. H. BROWN,
WM. SIMONS.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States have seen with much pain and regret the discussions which have recently appeared in the Odd-Fellow Periodicals on the internal matters of the Order as highly inconsistent with and injurious to our best interests, as deserving the heaviest censure of this body.

Resolved, That no member of this Order, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall directly or indirectly publish in any periodical or otherwise, any of the proceedings, enactments or documents of this Grand Lodge, or issue any other publication as if sanctioned by this body, except such as shall be authorized by this Grand Lodge, or in its recess, by the Board of Grand Officers.

And that no such organs shall be so authorized, unless the conductors thereof engage to exclude all discussion of the internal affairs of our Order from their publications and all other expressions injurious to or slanderous of the members of our Order, according to the direction of the Board of Grand Officers.

And should any member of the Order violate the foregoing provisions, he shall be subject to presentment for trial to his respective Lodge for a violation of the principles of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Neally, of Me., the report and resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., offered the following order, which was not agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to allow the members of this Grand Lodge to examine the book of diagrams during the continuance of the Session.

Rep. Bain, of Va., offered the following additional Article to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved. That the following be adopted as 31st Article of the By-Laws, and that others be numbered to agree therewith.

"A Brother holding membership in a Lodge under one jurisdiction shall not be allowed to hold membership in an Encampment under another State jurisdiction, unless there be no Encampment near his residence in the jurisdiction in which the Lodge is located."

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal :

I. O. O. F.

Office of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ohio, }
CINCINNATI, December 15th, 1846. }

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on page 913, of the second volume of the printed journal, authorizing the destruction of the old work, the undersigned reports that the directions of said resolution have been conformed to in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally

ALBERT G. DAY, *G. M. of Ohio.*

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on Diploma be requested to report upon the expediency of removing the restriction of the Grand Secretary in confining that officer to the selection of Grand Lodges as agents for the sale of the same, and also upon the expediency of disposing of said plates.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following resolution, which was read. On motion of Rep. Sessford, of D. of C., to lay the same on the table, it was resolved in the negative :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, D. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to prepare Odes and Music appropriate to the use of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to be substituted in lieu of those now in use, and that the same be printed with a new edition of the work, striking out therefrom those now in use.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., it was not agreed to :

Rep. Cole, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will entertain no proposition for new business from and after 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Griffin, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the resolution offered by Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, report :

Art. 30 of the By-Laws of this G. L. directs Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant States by prohibiting the Subordinates under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood." It is presumable that all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments have complied with this imperative law ; but if any of them have failed to do so, the committee consider the prohibition contained in that article to be, nevertheless, binding on all Subordinates.

The committee therefore answer, that all the initiations in the District of Columbia, in violation of Article 30 of the By-Laws, should be prevented by the Grand Lodge of the District, and that all Lodges under that jurisdiction violating said article should be censured or otherwise punished by said Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
J. W. STOKES,
E. M. P. WELLS.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the question proposed by the R. W. G. L. of Mass., and report :

To permit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to amend her Constitution of Subordinates, so as "to make a scarlet member eligible to the office of N. G., after having served one term in any subordinate office," would be to sanction a departure from the uniform practice and ancient usage of the Order. The committee are unable to discover any sufficient reason for such a departure, and believe that service for one term in the V. G.'s chair should continue to be a necessary qualification for the office of N. G. They therefore add that this Grand Lodge would not sanction the amendment in question.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which on his motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, was agreed to :

Resolved, That the prohibition contained in the 30th By-Law of this Body applies only to adjoining or distant States, and not to distant parts of the same State.

Rep. Sessford, of the D. of C., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That each Rep. to this Grand Body be entitled to the privilege of introducing to the exercises of the Grand Lodge on this evening, such Past Grands as may wish to visit, and who are in possession of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "Resolved" and inserting the following, to wit : that no person be admitted to be present at the instruction in the work of the order on this evening, except Representatives and Officers of the G. L. U. S. and such persons as have been admitted by special resolutions of this Session to witness the deliberations of this body; which amendment was concurred in and the question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Brown, of Miss., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the resolution on page 916, vol. 2, proceedings in relation to withdrawal cards adopted at the last Session of the Grand Lodge, be so amended as to read :

"That the vote of a Subordinate Lodge, granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with, and releases the Lodge from all liability for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not. But if the card be taken, the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in such withdrawal cards."

Rep. Jones, of Ill., submitted the following, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

In consequence of conflicting practices in different Subordinate Lodges, and for the sake of uniformity in the working of the Order, a report of the Committee on the State of the Order is required on the following query :

Where degrees are conferred by Subordinate Lodges, should the election for such degrees be held while the Lodge is open in the Initiatory degree, or while open in the degree about to be conferred?

Rep. Morris, of Pa., submitted the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different State Grand Lodges and State Grand Encampments to appoint one or more competent brothers—in no case to exceed four in any one State—whose duty it shall be to visit each Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment in his district, annually, for the purpose of giving instructions in the work, as adopted by the Grand Lodge

of the United States at the last Session, so as to insure uniformity and sameness throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was not agreed to.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "requested" and inserting the word "directed," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the resolution submitted by Rep. Morris, it was agreed to.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge for the payment to P. G. Alfred Mudgr. of Boston, for certain Odes and Music, adopted by the Committee on the Revision of the Work of the Order; also, for the plates of the music as per schedule presented to the Committee on Petitions—said Odes and Music being claimed by said Mudgr. as his private property.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom were referred the proceedings of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, on the subject of the establishment by the Order of a National Seminary of Learning, have attended to the duty assigned them, and would ask leave respectfully to report: That, inasmuch as a majority of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, as far as their proceedings have been received by this body, have reported adversely to the proposition, your committee would recommend that the further consideration of the subject by this Grand Lodge be for the present dismissed.

It is evident to your committee that in reporting against the proposition, some of the State Grand Lodges have labored under an error in supposing the plan presented by an individual member of the Order to have emanated from this Grand Lodge, which is not the fact.

Your committee have not deemed it their duty to reply to the various arguments that have been presented upon the subject, and they cannot but hope that a scheme, having for its objects results so salutary and beneficial, not only to the Order of Odd-Fellowship, but to the whole human family, will yet receive the favorable consideration of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
WM. W. MOORE.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred that portion of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with reference to the subject of printing Odes, beg leave to report: That further legislation on this subject is deemed unnecessary, as the exclusive right of this R. W. Body is clearly set forth in a resolution adopted at the session of 1846, page 956, which authority is further declared by a vote taken this day on a report of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARRISON KELLY,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Yeager, of Pa., offered the following resolution which was read and on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the words "white male of mature age," which being a requisite qualification for a candidate for membership to an Odd-Fellows' Lodge, shall not be so construed as to exclude civilized Indians who are of mature age and of good moral character from joining our Order.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the Digest, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed at the last Communication to prepare a Digest of the Laws of the Order respectfully submit the following report:

The committee have devoted to the subject their undivided attention during a long Session, and have endeavored by diligent labor to comply with the terms of the resolution under which they were appointed. They have examined thoroughly and with great care all the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and have extracted everything in the form of well settled law which they could discover. They have frequently been embarrassed by conflicting decisions, but in all such cases they have either guided themselves by the weight of authority, or, where the preponderance was doubtful, have sought light from general and unquestioned principles. They have occasionally found it necessary to fill up spaces which the recorded legislation had left vacant, but they have introduced nothing to supply such defects which has not been sanctioned by well ascertained usage. In rare instances, also, they have felt constrained to incorporate into their work decisions which have been departed from by later legislation, but they have always yielded to the necessity with great reluctance, and only when they were convinced that such a course was indispensable to the preservation of the unity and harmony of the system. Amid such masses of laws as have passed under their review, it was impossible that there should be entire consistency, but the committee have been extremely gratified to find that the instances of deviation from the true line have presented themselves at very wide intervals.

The plan which the committee have adopted, they hope will approve itself to the judgment of the Grand Lodge. After due deliberation, it was selected as the one best calculated for convenience of reference, and as affording the fairest opportunity of compressing the work into limits sufficiently narrow. It has been an object of which the committee have never lost sight, to avoid all unnecessary repetition, in order that the fraternity might be furnished with a hand-book, containing all that was essential, but at the same time not repulsive by reason of prolixity. To accomplish this, they have labored carefully, but they have never sacrificed to this idea of convenience any thing which they deemed of importance.

The Digest is accompanied by an Appendix containing all the *forms* which have been sanctioned, or are necessary under the laws, and also a revised copy of the Constitution, Laws, and Rules of Order, into which are incorporated the amendments from time to time adopted. In the preparation of this latter portion of the appendix some verbal alterations have been found absolutely necessary, but in no instance has the sense been interfered with.

The committee now ask leave to surrender their work into the hands of this Grand Lodge. It has been their constant care during many days and nights of labor, and they part from it with deep anxiety that it should be acceptable to the body under whose direction it has been executed.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN
WM. E. PARMENTER.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the report was accepted.

And, on motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., it was ordered that the report of the Committee on Digest be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Dinon, of N. Y., and recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved. That the first N. G. of a newly instituted body be entitled to receive the degrees of P. V. G. and P. Secretary, and that the first V. G. of a similar Lodge be entitled to receive the degree of Past Secretary, in the same manner.

Rep. Bain, of Va., offered the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was not agreed to :

Resolved. That all Noble Grands, who shall pass the chairs, shall be entitled to receive the P. V. G. Degree and P. S. Degree; and all Vice Grands who shall pass the chairs by dispensation, shall be entitled to the P. S. Degree.

The question recurring on the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Affron, of Ala., presented the Constitution of the G. Lodge of Ala., which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Day, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Grand Secretary William Curtis, of Pennsylvania, for his valuable services in officiating as Secretary of this Grand Lodge on yesterday.

Rep. Davis, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved. That Past Grand Representative Archer Roper, M. W. Past Grand Master of Maryland, be invited to attend the Sessions of this Grand Lodge, and admitted to a seat within the body of the house.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., presented the Constitution of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., and Rep. Hough, of Va., respectively asked and obtained leave to change their vote from the affirmative to the negative upon the report of the Committee on Petitions in relation to the claim of Alfred Mudge, of Mass., and Bro. Taylor, of N. J.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following resolutions, which were read, and, on motion to refer the resolutions to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was not agreed to :

WHEREAS it has been represented to this Grand Lodge that members holding distinguished positions in the Order have assumed to themselves the power to give instructions in the *unwritten work*

of the Order in Lodges and Encampments other than those of their own State jurisdiction, and have lectured and addressed Lodges and Encampments (without authority) upon the principles, history and government of the Order, in conflict with the proceedings of various Grand Lodges. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the officers of Lodges and Encampments are the only authorized persons to give instructions in the work—that their instructions must be limited to the body over which they may preside—that Lodges and Encampments can only receive instructions from the legally constituted authorities of the State in which they be located.

Resolved, That all lectures or addresses on Odd-Fellowship, either in public or private, are hereby strictly and positively prohibited, without special dispensation being previously obtained from the Grand Lodge of the State in which the address is proposed to be delivered.

Whereupon the resolutions were referred to a Select Committee.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read, and on motion ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the following communications of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and Grand and Subordinate Encampments, to wit: Grand Lodges of Maine, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin; Grand Encampments of Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Virginia and Ohio. Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, and Lake Dunmore Lodge, No. 11, of Vermont, Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, and Pensacola Lodge, No. 3, of Florida, and Telulah Lodge, No. 2, of Arkansas; Woodville Encampment, No. 4, of Mississippi, Magnolia Encampment, No. 4, of Louisiana, and Sah-wah-tiny Encampment, No. 3, of Michigan; beg leave to report,

That upon an examination of the Constitutions submitted to them, they find those of the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Missouri, and Tennessee to have been examined and approved of by this body at its last Session.

They further report, that they find in the Constitutions of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments hereinafter mentioned, certain provisions the object of which would appear to be the exclusion of all Past Officers from seats in those bodies, other than such as shall be represented representatives by the several Subordinate Lodges and Encampments. From the ancient usage of the Order, and from the decisions of this Grand Lodge, your committee are compelled to report against any legislation by State Grand Lodges or Encampments, the effect of which would be to deprive past officers of certain rights guaranteed to them by virtue of their services as officers of Subordinates. These rights, in the opinion of your committee, are to seats in the Grand Lodges or Encampments, to vote for Grand officers, and an eligibility to office. It is not here intended to question the power of the several State Grand Bodies so to regulate their Constitutions as to establish a system by which their Subordinates shall be represented on a ratio of population; but simply to deny the power of depriving Past Officers of the privileges acquired by service. The committee would therefore recommend the alteration of Art. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Art. 1, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Art. 2, Sec. 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Art. 1 and Art. 3, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Art. 2, Sec. 1 and Art. 3, Sec. 3 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, and Art. 2, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, in such manner as to entitle all Past Presiding Officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to the privileges of seats and of voting for Grand Officers.

They would further report that by Art. 3, Sec. 2, Clause 11 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and Art. 6, Sec. 2, and Art. 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, the power is conferred upon D. D. Grand Officers to confer Past Official Degrees upon officers entitled thereto. It being now under the

consideration of a committee of this body whether such degrees can be conferred in any other place than the place of meeting of the several State Grand Bodies, your committee would recommend that if the report of the committee is in favor of such power, these Constitutions be confirmed; but if adverse, that they be amended in this respect.

They would further report that by Art. 3, Sec. 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Art. 6, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Art. 3, Sec. 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Art. 3, Sec. 5, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, during the absence of the Grand Master, and all Past Grand Masters, the senior member present is charged with the duty of installing the Grand Officers. In the opinion of your committee the obligations of officers can only be administered by those upon whom they have been already conferred, they would therefore recommend the alterations of the above Constitutions in this respect.

They would further report, that by Sec. 6 of the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and by a provision of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, certain jewels are laid down as those which shall be worn. This subject being now under consideration in this Grand Lodge, your committee would recommend that these Constitutions be so altered as to correspond with such regulations as shall be adopted by this body upon the subject.

They would further report, that Art. 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, confers upon the Grand Master the power of calling meetings of the Subordinate Lodges when he shall deem it requisite, or when requested to do so by seven members. In the opinion of your committee, the N. G. of a Subordinate Lodge, as the presiding officer, should alone have the power of calling it together; they would therefore recommend, that as much of the said Constitution as confers upon the Grand Master this power, be stricken out.

They further report, that by Chap. 5, Sec. 3 of the General Laws for the government of Subordinates in Indiana, Art. 21 of the By-Laws of Woodville Encampment, No. 4 Mississippi, Art. 11, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws of Magnolia Encampment, No. 4, Louisiana, and Sec. 9 of the By-Laws of Telulah Lodge, No. 2, Arkansas, it is permitted that visiting cards should be given by the Secretary or Scribe, without application in open Lodge. In the opinion of your committee all cards should be passed upon by the Lodge from which such cards proceeded; they would therefore recommend such alterations in the above By-Laws as will require all cards to be granted in open Lodge.

They would further report that by Art. 2, Sec. 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments in the State of Massachusetts, it is left optional with such bodies, whether benefit shall be paid to the members. In the opinion of your committee, the right of a member of the Order to draw benefits is vested, and not optional with the Encampments, further than to deprive him thereof for improper conduct, or for violating their financial laws. They would therefore recommend that such alterations be made therein as will render the benefits imperative.

They would further report that by Art. 6, Sec. 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, upon the petition of seven scarlet members, a charter for an Encampment shall be granted. Believing this to be in opposition to Art. 2 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and that members of the R. P. degree are alone qualified to petition for an Encampment charter, your committee would recommend it be so amended as to require the petitioners to be of that degree.

They would further report that Art. 14 of the General Laws adopted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, having reference solely to membership in Encampments, in the opinion of your committee an improper subject for legislation by a Grand Lodge, they would therefore recommend that it be stricken out.

They would further report that by Art. 9 of the Constitution of Woodville Encampment, No. 4, Mississippi, the Junior Warden is made an appointed officer. The usage of the Order having made this office elective, your committee would recommend the words "Junior Warden" be stricken out in the 9th Art. and inserted after the words "Senior Warden" in Art. 2.

They would further report that by Art. 5, Sec. 4 of the By-Laws of Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, Florida, a P. G. is permitted to leave the Lodge-room without the P. W. of the V. G. This being directly contrary to the revised work of the Order, your committee would recommend that the last clause of such Section be stricken out.

They would further report that by Art. 2, Clause 5, of the By-Laws of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, notice of rejections are required to be sent only to Lodges in the vicinity; your committee would recommend its alteration so as to require that notice be sent to all the Lodges in the State.

They would further recommend the addition of the following words to Art. 1, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, "one of whom shall be qualified to fill the chair."

They would further recommend that Sec. 16, of Art. 9 of the By-Laws of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Vermont, be stricken out, it being in the opinion of your committee inexpedient to legislate upon such subject.

They would further report that by Art. 1, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of Magnolia Encampment, No. 4, Louisiana, its composition is stated to be of fifth degree members. In the opinion of your committee, no brother can become a member of an Encampment until duly elected therein, and that this description is too vague: they therefore recommend such alteration as will more explicitly define the composition thereof.

They further recommend that Sec. 5, Art. 19 of the By-Laws for the government of Subordinates in Pennsylvania, be so amended as to correspond to the semi-annual terms adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They further recommend that the Constitutions above referred to them being in all other respects correct, be approved.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
S. YORKE ArLEE,
W. H. BROWN.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to have the Subordinate work translated into the French and Spanish languages, and to have two hundred copies of the charge and lecture books printed in each language.

Rep. Ware, of R. I., offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Does the resolution on page 912, vol. 2, admit of the construction, that visiting brethren, having proved themselves entitled to admission, conformable with the law on page 690 are not required to work their way into a Lodge for introduction?

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., offered the following resolutions, which were read and ordered to lie on the table:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge in the assertion of its legitimate prerogatives, does not claim the right to the exercise of despotic and unlimited authority, except in so far as relates to the peculiar work of the Order, the necessity of perfect uniformity in which work is self evident, and which uniformity can only be attained and enforced by the direction of this body.

2d. That we recognize the power of State Grand Lodges so to shape their legislation in regard to minor particulars of municipal and police regulations, and in all measures not conflicting with the principles necessary to secure the integrity and due authority of this Body, as to them may seem proper and expedient, and as in their just and deliberate judgment may appear to be required by the true interest of the Order within their respective jurisdictions.

3d. That the Subordinate or common Lodges of the several jurisdictions possess certain rights, of which they cannot be lawfully divested. That the chief of these rights is involved in the fact that they comprehend and embrace the constituency by whose fiat is created the members of the

superior Lodges of the States and Territories, and finally of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that therefore they, as the said Subordinate or common Lodges, are of right entitled to be considered as the true root of the Order, and the original source of sovereign power and authority, within the limits prescribed and defined by their respective Constitutions.

The Chair named Reps. Marshall, of Ky., Ellison, of Mass., and Lilly, of N. J., as the Special Committee on the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio.

Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, relative to the action taken by a Subordinate Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, refusing admittance to members of a Subordinate Lodge of the former State, respectfully report, that upon examination of the papers submitted to them as well as the personal statements made by the Grand Representatives of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, they find that two brothers of the Order with regular visiting cards, from Leni Lenape Lodge, of New Jersey, were refused admittance in Doylestown Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Subordinate of New Jersey communicated the fact to their Grand Master, who opened a correspondence with the Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania, calling his attention to the action of the Lodge in his jurisdiction, and not receiving an answer, submitted the complaint to the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, who directed their Grand Representatives to present the subject to this body. Previous to your committee proceeding to examine the merits of this question, they were requested to suspend action, and permit the communication to be returned to your R. W. Body, to the end that the attention of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall be called to the action of her Subordinate, that any violation of the laws of the Order may be corrected. As this request was made by the Grand Representatives of Pennsylvania, and acceded to by the Grand Representatives of New Jersey, for the purpose of producing the harmony which undoubtedly ought to exist between two jurisdictions, so closely allied by geographical affinity, and as an act of justice to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who did not know of the act of her Subordinate. Your committee offer for your consideration the annexed resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. COFFIN,
WENDELL T. DAVIS,
W. E. ANDERSON.

Resolved, That the annexed communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be referred to the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to communicate a copy of this report and resolution to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Yohe presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a copy of the Journal entire of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; also, a copy of the proceedings entire of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, to be presented to the elective and Grand Officers of this body, and through the Grand Reps. one copy to each State Grand Lodge and Encampment, and to each P. G. Sire.

The Corresponding Secretary, from the Committee on the Digest, made a further report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the Digest, to whom was referred the subject of preparing a suitable funeral service for the burial of deceased members, ask leave to report the following as an address and prayer, the form of procession and regalia as adopted at the last Session have been considered by the committee in full force and meet their

approbation, except the fifth clause, page 962, vol. 2, which is dispensed with, by the address and prayer, herewith reported.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
H. HOPKINS,
WM. E. PARMENTER.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

We are assembled, my brethren, to render the last office which the living may minister to the dead.

Man is born to die. The coffin, the grave, the sepulchre, speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood, however unheeded it may be, of "man's latter end." Youth in its harmlessness and comparative innocence, and manhood with its wonted vigor and pride of strength, are not more exempt than decrepit and tottering age from the fixed law of being which dedicates all that is mortal to decay and death.

This truth is inscribed in the great volume of nature upon its every page. The beautiful and the sublime which the handiwork of the Creator displays on our every side, fearfully associate the unerring certainty of the end of all things, amid the vividness of the moral which they are ever suggesting to the contemplative mind.

Day after day, we are called upon to follow our fellow creatures to that "bourne whence no traveller returns: but from the house of mourning we go forth again to mingle in the crowded world, heedless perhaps of the precarious tenure of life and the certainty of that end to which all flesh is rapidly tending. He who gives the vigour of body, without warning, paralyzes the stout heart, and strikes down the athletic frame—the living of to-day, become the dead of the morrow.

Men appear upon and disappear from the stage of life, as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters—"In the midst of life we are in death." He, whose lips now echo these tones of solemn warning, in turn will be stilled in the cold and cheerless house of the dead, and in the Providence of God none may escape.

Let us then so far improve the lesson as to be prepared for that change, which leads to life eternal.

PRAYER.

Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in thee shall not die—hear, we beseech thee, the voice of thy creatures here assembled, and turn not away from our supplications.

We humbly beseech Thee, so to imbue us with a conviction of our entire helplessness and dependence upon thee, that we may be brought to meditate upon the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. In the dispensation of thy Providence, thou hast summoned from amongst us our brother, and we the surviving monuments of thy mercy are gathered together to commit his remains to the earth. Give, O God, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit to us, whom thou hast spared; increase our knowledge, and confirm our faith in thee, forever.

[Bless and comfort, we pray thee, those whom it has pleased thee to add to the number of the disconsolate; buoy them up under this heavy stroke, sustain them against despondency. O! wilt thou be their Father and their God, and pour down from on high thy blessings upon their heads.] Bless, O Heavenly Father! the brethren here assembled; imbue them with the wisdom of thy laws, and draw them unto thee by the cords of thy inestimable love; impress them with their duty to each other as brethren, and their obligations in the various relations of human life, and, finally, Bless our beloved Order throughout the globe. Preserve its principles and its pra-

poses from innovation; sustain it from the shafts of enmity—protect it from self immolation, and shield it from all evil, and unto thee we shall render the praise, forever—**AMEN.**

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the committee on that subject, submitted the following inquiry, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Lodge working in a foreign language keep a record of their proceedings in any other than the English language?

Rep. McKinnell, of La., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a Junior Past Grand an officer of a Lodge, and can a Junior Past Grand be elected to and fill any office in a Subordinate Lodge?

Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Reps. of New Jersey have leave to take from the files of this Grand Lodge, the papers referred to the Committee upon the difficulties between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Rep. Dimon, of N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the index to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, prepared by the Digest Committee, be printed in connection with the report of that committee.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 24, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. Grand Sire Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Journal of the Session of yesterday being in process of reading, on motion the further reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the question sent in by the Grand Lodge of Delaware, report:

A State Grand Lodge has power to expel a member from its own body, but it possesses no power to expel a member altogether from the Order. It may, however, order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to this order the Subordinate must yield obedience.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have duly weighed the remarks in the report of the late Most Worthy Grand Sire, and the R. W. G. Secretary, recommending an alteration of the By-Laws so as to vest in the Grand Officers power

to give a dispensation for a new Lodge in a foreign country to less than five qualified petitioners.

The committee are convinced that the introduction of the American Order into foreign countries, should be the result of the most deliberate and careful action, and they believe that all applications not coming strictly within the provisions of the By-Law should be reserved for the decision of this body.

With proper respect for the opinions of the late Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, they report that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. McCauley, of Md.

In answer to that part of the question which touches the alteration of the charter of a State Grand Lodge the committee say that the G. L. has no power to make such alteration without the consent of the State Grand Lodge.

In answer to the remainder of the question the committee say, that this G. L. has abundant power to direct any Grand Lodge to remove any clause or article from its Constitution or By-Laws which may conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, even though said Constitution or By-Laws may have been approved by this body. If it be necessary to explain this position the committee would only add that the examination of constitutions is entrusted by this G. L. entirely to one of its standing committees. On the press and hurry of business that committee might accidentally overlook erroneous provisions and report in favor of approving. It would be a monstrous supposition that this G. L. by the adoption of the report of the committee would give its sanction to a violation of its own laws.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have reviewed their report on the mode of conferring the Grand Encampment Degree, presented on the second day of the Communication, and re-committed "with instructions to include the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees in their inquiry."

So far as the Grand Encampment Degree is concerned, the committee have nothing to add to their former report. They regret that it is out of their power to sanction the practice said to prevail in some jurisdictions, which entrusts to District Deputy Grand Patriarchs authority to confer the Grand Encampment Degree. The practice, in the opinion of the committee, is decidedly erroneous and ought to be corrected. But while the committee entertain this opinion, they still think that there is no reasonable objection to the conferring of the degree in a room contiguous to the hall of the Grand Encampment. All rooms so contiguous, may, for all practical purposes, be considered to be part and parcel of the place where the Grand Body is actually assembled.

As to the Grand Lodge Degree and the Past Official Degrees, the committee say—The *Grand Lodge Degree* (like the *Grand Encampment Degree*) should regularly be

given in the very room in which the G. Body is assembled; but by special permission of the Grand Lodge, it may be conferred in a contiguous room. The *Past Official Degree* may be conferred by a District Deputy Grand Master, or in any other manner authorized by the Grand Lodge. The difference between the two is essential. The former is matter of substance and draws after it actual membership in the Grand Lodge. The latter are mere honorary distinctions.

Resolutions are appended.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment Degree can regularly be given only during the Session, and in the room in which the G. Encampment is assembled; but by special permission it may be conferred in some contiguous room.

Resolved, That a similar rule applies to the G. Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges may authorize District Deputy Grand Masters to confer the *Past Official Degrees* at any time, upon persons duly qualified, or may direct said degree to be conferred in any other manner.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to lay the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., to recommit the report to the committee, it was not agreed to. The question recurring on the report and resolutions: on motion the report was accepted; a division of the question being called for on the resolutions, they were considered seriatim. The question being on the first resolution, it was agreed to; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, of Mississippi, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Clark, of Conn., DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Haines, Jones, Kerlin, Morris, McKinnell, Macdonough, Parker, (2 votes,) Roche, Sessford, Senter, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Theobald, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, (2 votes,) Wells, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Kennedy—45.

NAYS—Reps. Clark, of N. J., Day, Demick, Dwinelle, Green, Lilly, Marshall, (2 votes,) Neally, Smith, Wakefield—11.

The question being on the second resolution it was concurred in; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., (2 votes,) Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, (2 votes,) Clark, of Conn., DeSaussure, Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Haines, Jones, Kerlin, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Macdonough, Parker, Roche, (2 votes,) Sessford, Senter, Smith, Spooner, Stokes, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Theobald, Wilson, Woodruff, (2 votes,) Wells, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins, Sherlock—50.

NAYS—Reps. Clark, of N. J., Day, Dimon, Dwinelle, Green, Lilly, Marshall, Neally, Williamson, Wakefield—10.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance ask leave to report that they have examined the books, vouchers, and other documents of the Secretary and Treasurer, submitted to them, and find the condition of the treasury as follows:

Cash on hand, September 25, 1846, as per report of Treasurer and Finance Committee of that date,	\$9,150 16
Cash paid to Treasurer, by the Secretary, from September 25, 1846, to September 23, 1847, for Dues, Rep. Tax, Books, Cards, &c., &c.,	10,406 39
Total,	\$19,556 57
Amount paid by Treasurer, as per his account, stated from September 25th. 1846, to Sept 23d, 1847,	13,289 78
Total balance in the Treasury,	\$6,266 79

The following claims against the Grand Lodge have been examined and found correct:

Thomas Sherlock, P. G. Sire, travelling expenses, Session of 1847, as G. Sire,	100 00
Expenses postage bill, 1847	39 40
Albert Case, P. D. G. Sire's travelling expenses, Session 1847, as D. G. Sire,	50 00
Bro. J. G. Treadwell, P. G. Marshal's travelling expenses, Session 1847, as G. Marshal,	40 00
Smith Skinner, Grand Marshal, travelling expenses,	25 00
Levin Jones, P. G. Guardian for travelling expenses, as G. Guardian, 1847,	12 00
Albert Case, P. D. G. Sire, cash freight of Charter for Grand Lodge, British North America,	1 00
Postage,	3 81
J. E. Chamberlain, for newspapers furnished Grand Lodge, and ice,	9 00
J. W. Casilean, for printing visiting cards and French paper	317 25
Isaac Snell, for blank book	1 25
James M. Anderson, engraving,	36 00
Johnson & Holliday, for balance of bill for desks	177 00
F. Liese, A. Buckenberger and C. Mayer, for translating the revised work into the German language,	150 00
	\$961 71

Which amount the committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer,
 Total unappropriated cash balance in the Treasury, \$5,305 08
 This Grand Lodge holds 64 shares of Ohio six per cent. stock (on which 12 months' interest is now due,) and for which they paid 6,017 00
 There is due, but unavailable, the following sums:

Notes of G. W. Churchill,	\$260 00
Arkansas bonds,	192 50—\$452 50

The duties and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary have accumulated in full ratio with the growth and prosperity of the Order; we deem the compensation of that officer too small for the valuable services rendered, and respectfully recommend its increase to \$1200 per annum. The trifling compensation of \$150, permits the G. Messenger to give only a portion of his time to the duties of the Grand Secretary's office; the Secretary cannot do without assistance, and we recommend that the salary of the Grand Messenger be increased to \$400, and that in addition to the duties now required of him by law, he shall attend the office of the Corresponding Secretary daily from the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., until 3 P. M., and shall perform all such duties as the Corresponding Secretary may direct.

All of which, with the accompanying resolutions, are most respectfully submitted.

HENRY W. MCKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Resolved, That the proper officers draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the several claims reported above and appropriations recommended.

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for payment of Grand Officers' salaries, as follows: Grand Corresponding Secretary, twelve hundred dollars, payable quarterly, on his own order on the Treasurer; and four hundred dollars, for the salary of Grand Messenger, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; and one hundred dollars, for the salary of Grand Treasurer, payable quarterly on his own receipt.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report and accompanying resolutions, which were read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Special Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Representative Parker, of N. H., as follows:

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment hereafter have power to hold their Sessions at such places as they may deem expedient, within their jurisdiction.

Perceiving the necessity of having a fixed point, under each Grand Lodge and G. Encampment, to which all communications should be directed, and from which all documents should emanate, and wishing to avoid all subjects of legislation which may create sectional jealousies and disputes, we are of the opinion that the interests of the Order demand a permanent location for each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and that, in no instance, should they be allowed to change them, save in such cases, as are already provided by the laws of this Body.

TIMO. G. SENTER,
WM. B. KERLIN,
SAMUEL LILLY,

Therefore, Resolved, That no further action on the resolution be entertained.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., from the committee on the subject of purchasing McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the Journal, made a report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., submitted the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report whether the resolution providing for the mode of altering the written and unwritten Work of the Order, and recorded on page 964 of volume 2nd of the proceedings of this Body, be a valid existing law of this Body, or whether it be not in conflict with Articles XV, XVI and XVII of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Wakefield of N. J., it was

Resolved, That the Past Grand Sires and R. W. Grand Secretary be a committee to prepare and report to the next Session of this Grand Lodge, full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order, and that the Grand Secretary shall keep a secret record of such instructions, and of all alterations or changes that may hereafter be made in the same.

Rep. Taylor, of S. C., on motion of Rep. DeSaussure, had leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, on account of indisposition.

On motion, Rep. Demick, of Conn., had leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, after to-day.

Rep. Anderson, of Ga., submitted the following order, which was read and adopted:

Ordered that all financial matters connected with the Digest, be referred to the Committee on Finance to be audited by them and reported to this Body.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., after the morning Session

On motion of Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on the Digest.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., to accept the report of the committee, and adopt the Digest of the Laws of the Order accompanying the same—

Rep. Green, of N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the form following, to wit: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to—the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge accept the report of the committee, and adopt the accompanying Digest of the Laws," which was resolved in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brown, Brewer, of Miss., Brown, of N. H., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Clarke, of Conn., Davis, of Massachusetts, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Hough, Haines, (2 votes,) Jones, Kelly, Lilly, Marshall, MacRae, Moore, McCauley, (2 votes,) Macdonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Sessford, Senter, (2 votes,) Smith, Simons, Taylor, of Md., Williamson, Wilson, Wells, Wakefield, Ware, Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Hopkins, Sherlock—52.

NAYS—Reps. Day, Kerlin, Morris, McKinnell, Spooner, Stokes—6

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following question:

Will it be incumbent on State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments and the Executive officers thereof to enforce rigidly in their respective jurisdictions the provisions and requirements contained in the Digest of Laws and decisions this day adopted by this Body?

Which question the G. Sire answered in the affirmative.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the following claims against the Grand Lodge, and find them correct:

Grand Sire H. R. Kneass' expenses, for Session of 1847,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
Jas. D. McCabe, Grand Chaplain, for expenses incurred attending Session					
1847,	-	-	-	-	68 00
N. A. Thompson, Deputy Grand Sire, travelling expenses,	.	.	.	.	60 00

\$153 00

Which amount the committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer.

H. MCKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

On that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to desks and chairs, the committee have to report the following preamble and resolution.

H. MCKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

WHEREAS the sum of \$380, appropriated at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, for desks and chairs for G. Representatives, has been found insufficient: therefore,

Resolved, That the further sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Grand Recording Secretary, for the purchase of chairs for the use of members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, on the application of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for the repayment of the ten per cent. which accrued from the first day of January to the time of its institution, report:

It appears the charter of this Grand Lodge issued from the office of the Grand Secretary on the 10th day of December, and was transmitted to the M. W. Grand Sire at Cincinnati immediately, but in consequence of its conveyance being delayed on the way, from the neglect of the agent to whom it was entrusted, and other adverse circumstances, it did not reach the hands of the instituting officer until first day of June. As it was the intention of the R. W. G. Lodge, (as appears by the alteration of one of the By-Laws at its last Session, vol. 2, p. 967) that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin should be instituted with as little delay as possible, in the opinion of your committee the Grand Lodge of the United States, should not take advantage of the misfortunes which deprived her Subordinate of a large portion of her revenues. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

HENRY MCKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON.

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary is hereby authorized, in the settlement of the accounts with the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, to deduct the ten per cent. which accrued between the 1st day of January and 1st day of June.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., from the committee on this subject, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred sundry papers relative to the removal of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, beg leave to report: That nine of said papers purport to be petitions or memorials of different Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of Alabama, and express a desire for and against the proposed removal, and that one of them is an authenticated copy of certain resolutions of the said Grand Lodge upon the subject. In consequence of the fact, as understood by this committee, that this Grand Body, by the adoption on yesterday of the report of the Special Committee to whom were referred the petitions and memorials of the Subordinate Lodges of Ohio, praying a removal of the Grand Lodge of that State, did in effect deny the Subordinate Lodges of local jurisdictions, the right of petitioning this Grand Lodge without the express sanction and approval of the Grand Lodges of their respective jurisdictions, your committee did not think it proper to take into consideration the facts and arguments in the communications from the said Subordinates, and therefore confined themselves to the document emanating from the Grand Lodge alone.

The document from the Grand Lodge of Alabama sets forth, that at its Session of April, 1846, a resolution was adopted, "that the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby petitioned to remove the seat of the Grand Lodge to some suitable point in the interior of the State." And further that at a subsequent Session, the said Grand Lodge passed another resolution on the same subject, directing its Grand Representative to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States a copy of the foregoing resolution, duly authenticated.

Regarding these resolutions of the Grand Lodge alone, as the proper data for our opin-

ions and decision, under the action of this Grand Body, already alluded to, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CHAPMAN,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. HARRISON KELLY.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Grand Lodge of Alabama be granted, and that its Sessions shall hereafter be held at such place within said State as said Grand Lodge, at some regular Session, may determine upon.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Digest of Laws be authorized and directed to prepare a supplement to the Digest already reported, to contain the laws and decisions adopted at this Session, and that the same be published together with the Digest of Laws.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., submitted the following resolutions, which were ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have the Digest of Laws secured by copy-right.

Resolved, That the Digest be printed in convenient form, and sold to Grand Lodges and Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, immediately under this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Journal, from 1843, to the close of this Session, be printed, stereotyped and copy-right secured.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on printing, to act in conjunction with the Grand Secretary in the above work.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., from the committee to whom the subject was recommended, submitted the following amended report and resolutions, which were adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom were referred so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as relates to the purchasing of the copy-right and stereotype plates of the journal, have carefully considered the same, and deem the subject of much interest to your honorable body.

The publishers manifest a willingness to transfer their right of property to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and although the same on the terms proposed by your committee, may be a tax on this Grand Lodge for a few years, at no very distant period they are persuaded it will prove a source of revenue.

We therefore recommend the purchase of the copy-right and stereotype plates from Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell, of volume 1, and Nos. 1 and 2 of volume 2, of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, upon the terms specified in the resolutions appended, said publishers delivering over to the Secretary all the numbers of said Journals now in their possession, they binding themselves to have two hundred dollars worth of the same on hand at customary valuation.

G. P. SMITH,
P. DEMICK,
EDW. S. HOUGH.

Resolved, That the proper officers of this R. W. G. Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with the publishers and proprietors of the Journal of its Proceedings (Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell) for the copy-right and stereotype plates of the same, upon the following terms, to wit : Fifteen hundred dollars, payable in three annual instalments of \$500 each.

Resolved, further, That it shall be referred to the Grand Representatives of the State of New York, to cause the stereotype plates of volume I, and Nos. 1 and 2 of volume II, (being Journal 1841 and 1845,) to be examined, and upon their certificate being filed in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, that the said plates are in good order and in a proper state of preservation, then the G. Sire and Corresponding Secretary are hereby authorized to close the said contract and to give to the said parties the corporate notes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the terms prescribed in the first resolution.

Rep. Moore, of the D. of C., from the Special Committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., ordered to lie on the table :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to which was referred so much of the annual report of the Grand Sire as relates to the present organization of State Grand Lodges, and the necessity which exists for a change in the construction of some of those bodies, have embodied in the accompanying resolutions the best plan which they can devise for accomplishing the object which has been submitted to their consideration.

This plan, it will be perceived, contemplates the retention of the general legislative power in the Past Grands, where it has always been placed, and which power it is deemed inexpedient to transfer to the Subordinate Lodges. The Past Grands, as a distinct class, in possession of an exalted degree which they can only obtain through the elective voice of the mass of their brethren, have always exercised this privilege. That they have used it wisely, is abundantly attested by the prosperity of the Order; that to continue it in the same class of members can work no injustice to the great body of the fraternity, has been fully demonstrated by experience; and that it is unsafe to place it any where else, must be apparent to every member who carefully examines the various relations and responsibilities which are imposed by the different degrees of the Order. Your committee do not approve the suggestions which point to the propriety of reconstructing Grand Lodges on a strictly representative principle, by permitting the delegates to such bodies to be chosen by the initiatory Lodge. In Grand Lodges thus organized the Order could not repose as much confidence as in those which would emanate from the Past Grands alone; for the reason that a Grand Lodge, composed of delegates elected by the initiatory Lodge, would be subject to the control of that Lodge, either by express instructions or by means of the ballot, and as many of the members of such Lodges owe no direct obedience to this Parent Body, its interests and those of the Order at large would not be sufficiently protected. Your committee, therefore, deem it their duty to recommend an adherence to the custom which separates the legislative power of the States from the ordinary business and work of the Lodges, and confines it exclusively to Past Grands in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree, whose imperative duty it is to see that the general laws and work of this Grand Lodge are duly carried into effect.

WM. W. MOORE,
A. K. MARSHALL,
JOHN C. YEAGER.

I agree in the report, with the exception of so much as relates to the election of the delegates to State Grand Lodges being confined exclusively to the Past Grands, preferring it should be made by members in good standing in the Subordinates.

M. WOODRUFF.

The following are the resolutions offered by the committee for the consideration of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Past Grands are the conservative power in Odd-Fellowship, in whom is vested the legislative power for the government of the Order in their respective States.

Resolved, That experience has demonstrated that the exercise of this power for the general good is not incompatible with any of the duties devolving on the same class of members as the representatives of their various Subordinate Lodges on questions of a merely local nature, which directly affect the interests of the Lodges.

Resolved, That the Past Grands being thus constituted the especial guardians of the honor and interests of the Order, it is their duty to conform to all needful regulations having in view the preservation and harmony of the institution committed to their charge, and when they neglect or refuse to perform this duty, it is obligatory on them to surrender their trust to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from whence it was received.

Resolved, That in view of the augmentation of the members entitled to seats in the Grand Lodges of some of the States, it is necessary, in order to reduce those bodies to a working number, to reorganize them upon principles different from those which have heretofore prevailed; and therefore, it is hereby enacted and directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States—

1st. That no Grand Lodge shall be composed of more than — hundred members entitled to active participation in its legislative proceedings, except in cases where the number of Lodges within any jurisdiction shall exceed — hundred in which case none of them shall be entitled to more than one active voice in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. That whenever the Past Grands within any jurisdiction shall exceed the number above prescribed, the Grand Lodge of such jurisdiction shall devise some just and equitable apportionment of representation, whereby each of its Subordinates, through some of their Past Grands, may have its due weight and influence in the proceedings of the Grand Body, according to the number of its members in good standing at the date of its last official report.

3rd. That the Past Grand dignity shall continue to be recognized in all brethren of good standing who are in possession of the Grand Lodge degree, and who shall have duly served a regular or special term of office in conformity to the laws of this Grand Lodge, so far as to permit them to visit their State Grand Lodges, and to render them eligible to any of its offices, as well as to entitle them to vote, in person or by proxy under seal of their Lodge duly attested, at all elections for officers thereof; also, so far as to recognize the Past Grands of each Lodge as the electoral body from and by which all the delegates on the part of said Lodge to the State Grand Lodge are to be chosen.

4th. Delegates to represent Subordinate Lodges in a Grand Lodge shall be elected for one year, and be eligible for re-election. They shall each be entitled to one vote on any question that may be determined in their presence; except in the case of Lodges that shall send a single delegate, in which case such delegate, when present at the taking of any vote, shall be entitled to cast the full vote to which his Lodge may be entitled.

Rep. Bain, of Va., asked and obtained leave to place on the Journal the following resolution, as a substitute for the above :

Resolved, That Section 5, Art. 1, Division 3d, on page 35, of the Digest, fully sets forth the doctrine with regard to P. G.'s and Grand Lodges in the premises.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Brown of N. H., asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Haines, of Maine, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Brown, of Miss., offered the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of each Session of the Grand Lodge a list of the members and officers with their respective addresses, if furnished, and their highest titles in the Order.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred sundry petitions and papers for the charter of Lodges in foreign parts, respectfully report :

1st. On the petition for a charter of a Lodge to be styled Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in the town of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian.

While your committee view with much regret the course pursued by the D. D. G. Sire of Massachusetts, in 1844, in the origin of this proceeding, as one furnishing a dangerous precedent, yet as your petitioners did not partake in the enactment of the fault, and have acted in good faith under their dispensation, and thus give us good reason to believe that their efforts will result in the formation of a valuable Lodge, if a charter be granted them, your committee do therefore recommend its being so granted.

2nd. On the petition for a Lodge in the same town, to be styled Pacific Lodge, No. 1, as a rival institution, your committee recommend that the petition for a charter of the same be not granted.

3d. On the petition for a charter of a Lodge to be styled Venezuela Lodge, No. 1, to be located in the city of Caracas, Province of Venezuela, South America, your committee recommend the granting the petition for a charter.

4th. On the informal petition for a Lodge in Pellotas, Brazil, your committee recommend that a charter be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was agreed to :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the request of Telulah Lodge, No. 2, in Arkansas, for permission to change the time of their meeting

from Saturday evening to Friday evening, for the better accommodation of their country members, respectfully report: That Telulah Lodge have permission so to change their time of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the report of the special committee, (page 1078 of the Journal,) relative to publications in periodicals. On motion the report was accepted.

A division being asked on the resolutions accompanying the report, the same were considered seriatim.

The question being on the first resolution, it was amended by striking out all after the words "best interests," and the resolution, as amended, was rejected.

The question being on the second resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the resolutions offered by him, now lying on the table, providing for the printing and disposition of the Digest, which was agreed to:

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Representatives of each State and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment be furnished with a perfected and complete copy of the Digest of Laws.

Rep. Hough, of Va., submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Under instructions from the G. Lodge of Virginia, Rep. Hough, of Va., seconded by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved that Art. XI of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "annually" in the first line and insert "every fourth year."

Rep. Neally, of Me., offered the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the 19th Article of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words "his Grand Lodge of Encampment" on the 25th page, 4th line from the top of the page, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "this Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the By-Law, on page 1034 of the Journal, proposed by Rep. Coffin, of N. Y., which being under consideration, was ordered again to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tenn., the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, adopted by that body, were approved:

Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, growing out of the change of the terms of officers in Subordinates, in compliance with a law passed at the last Session of this G. Lodge, making the term of service six months instead of three.

Article 4, Sec. 3, third line, strike out the word "quarter," and insert "semi-annual Session."
Article 5, Section 1, line twenty-one, strike out the word "quarterly" and insert "semi-annual"—
Sec. 4, same article, line two from the bottom, strike out "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually"—
Sec. 11, same Article, line four from bottom, strike out "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually"—
Sec. 12, same Article, line three from bottom, strike out "quarterly" and insert "semi-annually"—
Article 11, line three, strike out "quarter" and insert "official term."

Rep. AtLee, of D. of C., submitted the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That when the Yeas and Nays are ordered, a Grand Representative shall cast his individual vote only.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the Digest, reported an Appendix to the same, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That Sections 15 and 16 of Article 2 Digest of Laws, defining funeral regalia, be, and they are hereby repealed and annulled.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order.

Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?"

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which being decided in the affirmative, the main question was then put as follows: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution passed on the motion of Rep. Roche, of Md.

The committee find no difficulty in answering the abstract question. The general usage of the Order does not recognize the propriety of Subordinate Lodges electing two sets of officers. But the committee cannot suffer the announcement of the general proposition to come before the Grand Lodge without a statement of the particular case which has given rise to the question.

The mover of the resolution has handed to the committee the journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, for May, 1847. From the proceedings spread upon that journal, the committee find that William Tell Lodge, No. 4, has been in the practice, for seventeen years, of electing two sets of officers. The reason of this practice is, that the Lodge, by special permission from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, works both in the English and German languages. The officers are elected for twice the usual term, and serve alternate nights. *Each set now serves twenty-six nights.* This practice has been tolerated by the Grand Lodge of Maryland since the year 1830, and the Past Grands promoted in William Tell Lodge have enjoyed all the privileges of the Grand Lodge. The committee would consider it an act of gross injustice at this late day, by abstract legislation, to overturn a practice which is identified, as the committee are assured, with the existence of the Lodge. In the instance of this particular Lodge, the committee think that the privilege in question should not be withdrawn, anomalous though it may be. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Roche, of Md., that the report lie on the table. it was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the report, it was agreed to.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., seconded by Rep. Day, of Ohio, moved to reconsider the vote adopting the above report of the Committee on the State of the Order, pending the consideration of which,

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, September 24, 4 o'clock

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, H. R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, G. Officers, and a due representation.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the motion pending at the adjournment, to wit: to reconsider the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, in relation to William Tell Lodge of Maryland.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.—The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge agree to reconsider the report?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order having examined the resolution of Rep. Brown, of Miss., report, that the explanation which is thereby proposed to be given of the law of withdrawal cards, is already given in the Digest. See Secuon 6, Art. VII, Division 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Ellison, of Mass.

The committee cannot deny that the 30th Article of the By-Laws is obscure, but they are convinced that the reason and spirit of the law require that it should be interpreted as prohibiting the initiation of persons in any part or place of their own, as well as other States, distant from their permanent residences, while Lodges and Encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Yeager, of Penn., and report: That it would be improper to legislate on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in obedience to the resolution passed on the motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., have enquired into the constitutionality of the second resolution to be found on page 964 of vol. 2.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity of some such protection to the work of the Order as this resolution attempts to throw around it, but they are constrained after due reflection to declare that the resolution conflicts with Article XV

of the Constitution which provides that all questions (excepting, of course, alterations of the Constitution or By-Laws) shall be decided by a majority of the votes given. The resolution is therefore null and void.

The Committee have been advised that the necessary amendment to the Constitution will be laid on the table during the present communication.

Respectfully submitted, .

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims and found them correct.

Samuel L. Harris, G. Guardian, for expenses incurred in attending Grand

Lodge, Session of 1847,

\$20 00

Wm. Duane Wilson, postage paid as District Dep. G. Sire of Wisconsin, 1847, 4 50

Which amount the committee recommend to be settled by the proper officer, \$24 50

H. McKINNELL,
JNO. W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.'

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Finance report that they have had under consideration the expenses attending the preparation of the Digest of the Laws of the Order. The resolution of the last Session authorizing the appointment of the committee on Digest, includes a provision contemplating the payment of the expenses and services of its members. From the information before them, your committee have determined upon the sum named in the subjoined resolution as a proper appropriation for the contingencies and remuneration of that committee. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Digest of the Laws of the Order.

Rep. Lilly, of N. J., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, respectfully beg leave to report, that this Grand Lodge has already legislated on the subject referred to in the resolutions, and that the law is sufficiently precise, as will appear by reference to the Digest of Laws, Article 3, Section 3, page 25, and Proceedings of the Session of 1844, vol. 2, page 661. Your committee therefore think that it is inexpedient to pass the resolutions, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. MARSHALL,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
SAMUEL LILLY.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., offered the following By-Law, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, according to the Rule of Order:

Art. . Grand Lodges and Encampments entitled to two votes, shall have the right to cast the same, should there be but one of the representatives present; *provided* such absence be not temporary, or without the consent of this Grand Lodge, and provided that such Lodge or Encampment have elected her full representation, and the certificates of the delegates be reported to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Va., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the By-Law proposed by him, page 1078 of the Journal.

The same being under consideration, it was rejected.

Rep. Theobald asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Rep. Stokes, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read, accepted, and the resolution accompanying the same adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, having referred to them that part of the Grand Secretary's report in reference to stereotyping the Work of the Order, report, that the prospects of the continued increase of the Order fully warrant this Grand Lodge in the out-lay, and offer the following .

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary be directed, when it becomes necessary to have another edition of the Charges and Lecture Books printed, to have the same stereotyped.

The Chair named Rep. Stokes, of Pa., Moore, of D. of C., and Lilly, of N. J., as the Committee provided for in the resolution authorizing the printing and stereotyping the Journal, and securing copy-rights.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to foreign affairs, ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, it having already been acted upon in the body. Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Special Committee on the subject of the organization of State Grand Lodges, as reported by Rep. Moore, of D. of C.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Roche, of Maryland, moved to adopt the substitute offered by Rep. Bain, of Va., for the report of the Committee.

On motion of Rep. M'Cauley, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, during the reading of which, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the further reading was dispensed with, and the report ordered to lie on the table :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G's John W.

Dwinelle and W. H. Jewett, of New York, from the decision of the Grand Master of New York, and who were entrusted also with the duties embraced in the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That so much of the proceedings of the R. W. G. L., of New York, as relates to any alterations of the Constitution of that body, during and since the Session of May, 1846, of the same, and which shall have been officially presented to this R. W. G. L., be referred to the Committee on Appeals, with power to send for persons and papers: *Provided*, No expense to this G. L. be incurred thereby"—beg to report:

They have given the subject the careful and anxious examination which its importance to the Order in New York, and to the general interests of Odd-Fellowship demands. It is cause of deep regret that the short space of time covered by our Session, does not permit them to report as extensively as under other circumstances they would desire. This difficulty will allow them to attempt little more than to give a brief statement of the facts connected with the matters under reference, and to announce the conclusions to which they have come. The committee have sought the aid of argument from as many of the parties interested in their decision as could be conveniently consulted, and after a patient and impartial hearing, and subsequent consultation, have adopted the conclusions which they now propose to report—

In making an abstract of the facts, which shall be as brief as is compatible with their proper presentation to the G. L., the committee must frequently content themselves with a reference to the page and number of the documents referred to, as their number and length rendered it a physical impossibility to embody them in this report.

They particularly refer to the appeal of Bros. Dwinelle and Jewett, which are to be found in the proceedings of February Session, 1847—p. 295 and 301, printed copies of which have been distributed.

The G. L. of New York, at the period of time to which the documents referred first allude, was working under a Constitution originally adopted in the year 1837, and which with sundry amendments not bearing upon the question, was of force in May, 1846. The mode of amendment for itself, provided by that instrument, required the proposition for that purpose to be made in writing by the Representatives of two Subordinate Lodges at a regular Session, to be referred to the next Annual Session, to be entered on record, reported to the Subordinates, and to be passed by two-thirds of the votes of the Representations present at the time of its determination.—Doc. 8, art. 6, sec. 1, p. 17.

At the May term, 1846, of the G. L., (Doc. 1 p. 272,) a proposition was made to amend the Constitution, by striking out altogether the amending article, and inserting in its stead a mode to the following effect: a Convention to be composed of P. G.'s, elected in a certain manner and proportions, by the Subordinate Lodges, was to assemble in the city of New York, on the second Monday in November, 1846, to revise the Constitution. Such amendments were to be proposed as two-thirds of the Delegates present at any meeting might agree to, and when its business should be concluded, its proceedings were to be certified to the G. S. of New York G. L., who was then to transmit printed copies to every Subordinate Lodge in the State. Each Subordinate Lodge was, after certain prescribed form, to take the same into consideration, and after voting upon the question, certify to the G. L. their approval or rejection. Whenever it should appear that a majority of the Subordinate Lodges in the State had approved of such Constitution, it should be adopted and go into effect on the first day of the next regular Session of the G. L. succeeding that in which the result should be announced in the G. L.

The Lodge will perceive that the above scheme contemplated only such an amendment or rather substitution of an entirely new Constitution as could be made upon one set of conditions and made no provision for its failure in case of inaction on the part of the Convention or non-ratification by the Subordinates. At the ensuing Annual Session, August, 1846, the proposed amendment was duly called up, (Doc. 2, p. 41) and upon a point of order raised as to the power of the G. L. to delegate its authority to the Subordinates, and as to a violation of the charter of the G. L. of N. Y. by its adoption, Grand Master W. L. G. Smith, after the reading of the charter, decided the proposition in order, as the charter was not given to P. G.'s, but to petitioning Lodges having seven P. G.'s. A division of the question was taken upon the first point, (a motion to strike out the old article,) and the votes by representation of Lodges stood, yeas 129, nays 15. The motion to insert the proposed amendment was then decided to be adopted by a vote of 130 to 15.

In pursuance of these proceedings, the Convention assembled at the designated time, and after deliberation reported a Constitution, as found on page 90 of its printed Journals, Doc. 7, and it was then transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges for their action, as required by the action of the G. L. N. Y. at its Annual Session. Before the proceedings of the Subordinate Lodges had been all received by the G. L., that body, at its quarterly Session in November, took certain action, to which the Committee now beg to call your attention. On the 8th of December, P. G. Sutton, of No. 9, presented a preamble and set of resolutions, (Doc. 3, p. 229,) which, among other matters, declared null and void in all its parts and provisions, the amended Constitution reported by the Convention, and asserted that the enactment requiring it to be submitted to the State Subordinate Lodges for approval, was amended and withdrawn; they further declared the old Constitution in full force and virtue, except Sec. 1, Art. 6; and enacted that that section and article, as adopted at the Annual Session, be stricken out, and in its place be inserted a provision against change in the Constitution, unless the proposition be made in writing by the representatives of two Subordinate Lodges, at an Annual Session, referred to the next Annual Session, entered on the record, referred to the Subordinates, and at the time of its determination supported by the three-fourths of the votes of the Representations present.

At this stage a point of order was raised in the following form, viz: "The amendatory clause of the Constitution of the G. L. was stricken out, and a clause providing for the amendment of the said Constitution by a Convention was inserted in lieu thereof, &c; said clause so inserted became thereby the amendatory clause, and no amendment, alteration, report, or suspension, of any part of said Constitution (said clause being a part thereof) can be entertained or acted on, excepting as provided for by said amendatory clause."

G. M. Joseph R. Taylor decided "that the preamble and resolutions were in order, so far as relates to the unfinished portion of the Convention article: that the G. L. having left the Constitution in such a manner that a majority could alter or amend it at any meeting." A vote was then taken by the Representations of Lodges on the Preamble and Resolutions of P. G. Sutton, and they were decided to be carried by a vote of 141 to 123.

During the next regular Session of the G. L. in February, 1847, (Doc. 4, page 284,) a motion was introduced to reconsider the preamble and resolution just mentioned above, which motion as your committee understand, was based upon the rules of order, (5th rule, 6th clause, p. 28 of printed copy old Constitution and rules of order marked Doc. 8.) which provides that, "after any question except one of indefinite postponement has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority may, at the same or next successive meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof."

After an animated debate on the resolution, P. G. Phillips, of No. 5, raised the following point of order, viz :

"That in consequence of the action of the Grand Lodge on the 8th of December, 1846, being an amendment to the Constitution, and the same having gone into effect, by notice being given to the Subordinate Lodges, can a motion for a reconsideration be entertained?"

Whereupon the Grand Master decided :

"That the R. W. Grand Lodge, having at their Annual Session in August last, by a constitutional vote, and in a constitutional manner, repealed Art. VI. of the Constitution, being the amendatory clause, and inserted the Convention Article, without any amendatory condition thereto, the Constitution could at any regular Session be altered or amended by a majority vote."

And on the 8th of December last, being a regular adjourned Session, a certain Preamble and Resolutions were submitted by P. G. Sutton, of No. 9, and adopted, amendatory to said Constitution.

Pending the vote on their adoption, a question was raised as to their admissibility :

"The Grand Master then decided the Preamble and Resolutions to be in order, so far as related to the unfilled part of the Convention Article, it became a part of the Constitution of this R. W. Body, and the same having gone into operation became the fundamental Law of the Order, and cannot be altered, except as provided by the Constitution. The Grand Master therefore decides the question of Order to be well taken, and the resolution to reconsider a portion of the proceedings had on the 8th December last not admissible."

Whereupon P. G. M. Smith, of No. 37, appealed from the decision of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master stated "that under the conditions, by which the Grand Master holds his office, he is bound to sustain the Constitution as he finds it, and he therefore declines to entertain an appeal that might violate that instrument.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

On the next day a resolution (Doc. 4, p. 289) was offered by D. D. G. M. King, calling upon the G. S. for information respecting the motion taken by Subordinate Lodges upon the Constitution adopted by the Convention.

The Grand Master declared the resolution out of order on the ground that the Grand Lodge had directed the Subordinates not to vote on the proposed Constitution, consequently the Grand Secretary could not be possessed of any official information on the subject.

Whereupon D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Master declined to entertain the appeal for the reasons stated in ruling out the resolution.

D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, offered the following :

Whereas, a certain Preamble and Resolutions adopted in this Grand Lodge on the 8th day of December last past, and recorded in the printed proceedings on pages 226, 230, and 231, were and are in direct contravention of Sec. 1, Art. VI. of the Constitution as amended at the Annual Session, in August, 1846; now, therefore,

Resolved, That said Preamble and Resolutions are, and always have been null and void, and of no force or effect whatever.

The Chair stated that for the reasons given on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips, of No. 5, this resolution could not be entertained.

Whereupon, D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Master stated that for the reasons given on the appeal taken by P. G.

M. Smith, of No. 37, on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips of No. 5, the appeal could not be entertained.

P. G. War. Barnard, of 128, offered the following :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to P. G. Edwin Clarke, the Secretary of the late Convention to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, as a compensation for his services as such Secretary.

The Grand Master stated that in consequence of the Grand Lodge having made an appropriation for the expenses of the Convention, the resolution cannot, therefore, be entertained.

D. D. G. M. King, of No. 71, offered the following :

Resolved, That the certain Preamble and Resolutions adopted in this Grand Lodge, on the 8th day of December last past, and recorded in the printed proceedings on pages 229, 230 and 231, are hereby rescinded and annulled.

The Chair stated that for the reasons given on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips of No. 5, this resolution cannot be entertained.

Whereupon P. G. War. Barnard, of No. 128, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Master stated that for the reasons given on the appeal taken by P. G. M. Smith, of No. 37, on the point of order raised by P. G. Phillips, of No. 5, the appeal cannot be entertained.

D. D. G. M. Dimon then presented a protest signed by himself and about 120 other representatives, which was ordered to be spread on the Journal.

On the afternoon of the same day, Rep. Dwinelle, of No. 226, presented a preamble and resolution which (with the exception of the last clause of the preamble and the resolutions) are the same as those now before the G. L. U. S. as the appeal of that representative and which is printed and before the Lodge. The last clause and resolutions which were omitted in the appeal which finally reached our body, were as follows :

And Whereas, It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the said resolutions of the eighth of December last, have no legal effect or force, and that the Grand Master in making his said decisions, committed great error both in law and in fact. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge does hereby appeal from the said decisions of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States are requested to declare the said resolutions of the eighth of December, *null and void*, and the said revised Constitution to be in full force from and after the first day of May next.

Upon the presentation of the paper, the Grand Master refused to entertain the said preamble and resolutions, for the reason "that some portions of said preamble implied that the Grand Lodge did not legally pass the said resolutions of the eighth of December last, not being appealed from at that time, became the decision of the Grand Lodge, and therefore the Grand Lodge could not appeal from its own decision; and also, that so far as decisions of the Grand Master at this present Session are concerned, they involve constitutional questions, which are to be decided by the Grand Master, and from such decisions the Grand Lodge, as a body, cannot appeal from the decisions of the Grand Master, but that individual members of the Grand Lodge or Lodges only can appeal."

Whereupon, D. D. G. M. Dwinelle, of No. 226, appealed from the decision of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master refused to entertain the appeal on the ground that the said decision involved constitutional questions.

Representative Dwinelle then obtained leave to present the appeal, which is before your body, and printed as a part of the proceedings of the G. L. of N. Y.

From this condensed statement of facts, the full accounts of which are dispersed over many pages of the numerous documents referred to, the Lodge will perceive the complex nature of the reference, and the great number of difficult and delicate questions, which necessarily arise in its treatment. Many points were raised in the argument on each side before the committee, the full consideration and ample discussion of any of which would exhaust much more time than the period of the Session will allow to the entire subject. Of these, some embraced the consideration of those fundamental laws which lie at the foundation of all association, and of which even the most laborious writers upon ethical or political science, have hesitated to pronounce a decided opinion. The committee, therefore, are compelled to give prominence only to those branches which in their view lead to the practical result which they recommend to their Lodge to adopt.

The committee beg leave to take up the matters with which they are charged in the order of their reference.

Under this division they will first express an opinion upon the appeal from the decisions of the G. M. of N. Y., and next review the general action of the G. L. of N. Y. upon the attempted change of Constitution.

The two questions run, however, so much into each other, that the committee must beg to be excused if whilst deciding one they necessarily refer much to the other. The committee do not deem it requisite to take up in succession all the rulings of the Grand Master from which an appeal has been taken, as they all depend upon the same principle, the decision upon which necessarily decides all. The reason assigned for them all is to be found in the words of the G. M. (Doc. 4, p. 285,) who there states, "that under the condition by which the G. M. holds his office, he is bound to sustain the Constitution as he finds it, and he therefore declines to entertain an appeal that might violate that instrument." In this sentence is developed the moving cause of all his proceedings now under appeal. The Committee are therefore bound in the discharge of their duty to sift the argument and pronounce their assent or dissent to it. This of course involves an expression of their opinion as to the right and duties of G. M's. They do not propose to go at length into the subject, for it would be fitter for an essay than a report; nor, even if so inclined, would their present leisure permit it. But a due respect to the officer himself whose conduct is the subject of inquiry, in the absence of all other motives, would be sufficient to require some reasons to be assigned for their decision.

Your Committee regret that they cannot sustain the position of the G. M. Whatever may be the case in other organizations, in our order at least the G. M. does not form an *independent* part of the governing power. During the recess he is necessarily to some extent the substitute or representative of the whole Grand Lodge; but during the Session he is only one of its constituent elements and the presider over its deliberations. Even his acts during the recess may in most instances be brought up for examination. The G. L. alone can claim to be "the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction;" to it he is indebted for his position, and to it he is accountable, and from and through it, to this body. In the Constitution under which in this instance, he claims to act, his duties are thus defined: "he shall preside at all meetings of the G. L.; he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine: *all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the G. L.*" (Constitution, art. 3. sec. 2, clause I, doc. 8, p. 6.)

Whilst acting as presiding officer, the body over which he presides, and not

himself, must for the time be the final judge. If he have the right to decline to entertain an appeal which in his judgment "*might violate the Constitution*," he may refuse any question which has a constitutional bearing. What becomes then of all those nice questions on constitutional laws which so often occur? Can they ever reach his Lodge? May he not prevent their being discussed in his jurisdiction? Nay, more; may he not prevent their even coming to this body, as the final arbiter of all doubts? For to carry out the principle (and the Committee understand the right to do so has been claimed) he may interpose himself and block up the way to any appellate jurisdiction.

Who can set bounds to the despotism which may be established if such a principle as the Committee contend against be once admitted? Is it not obvious what a perpetual tendency there must be to revolutionary and disorganizing measures wherever it may be established? In view of these reasons, your Committee feel compelled to report that in their opinion the G. M. has acted erroneously in refusing an appeal from his opinion to the G. L. They hold that he should have allowed the appeal, and if unconstitutional action had resulted, this body, the G. L. U. S., would have applied the corrective. They have struggled with the natural reluctance, which all should feel, to set aside the proceedings of an officer high in office and character, and who they are sure acted with pure motives and through great devotion to the Order; but the convictions of their severest judgments were too clear to permit their arriving at any other conclusion than the one they here submit.

The Committee now proceed to the second subject of reference. And here they beg to present to the Lodge the following protest, which was handed to them when they commenced their examination of this part of the subject. It is as follows:

The undersigned, a representative to the Grand Lodge, U. S. I. O. O. F., from the G. L. of State of New York, respectfully represents to the Committee of Appeals, that the resolution introduced in the Grand Lodge U. S. by Representative Dimon, from the Grand Encampment, should not be entertained by them for the reasons—

1st. That the powers possessed by, and delegated to them, inherently, do not permit the examination of questions embracing organic law and general proceedings of Grand Lodges, when such matters are not made specific subject of appeal.

2d. That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York have not appealed to the G. Lodge U. S. either by their representatives to G. L. U. S. or otherwise.

3d. That if the matter can be entertained, the magnitude of the subject requires that the G. L. of State of N. York should be notified previous to action being had, to enable them to meet it frankly and fully

JAMES A. COFFIN.

Notwithstanding the protest, the Committee decided to proceed with the matters referred to them, leaving the Lodge to decide whether, under all the circumstances of the case, the questions would be entertained.

The Committee had at first intended to notice the different views taken in the argument before them, so as to give the fullest information to the Lodge, but the length to which this report has already unavoidably extended, and the shortness of the time remaining in which they must conclude their labors, prevent this course. They must therefore present little more than their conclusions, at the same time suggesting the difficulties which compel them to propose to your body the action they recommend. The Committee believe the G. L. of New York had the power to organize the Convention for the purpose of devising and reporting a Constitution. They regard the Convention as nothing more than a committee or rather a commission to compile a document which was afterwards to be made binding and efficacious by other powers. They believe the G. L. might have referred to any man or set of men to draft the in-

strument. They might have called upon any brothers of the Order in or out of this jurisdiction and requested their advice, their assistance, or labors in drawing up a code of law which was afterwards to be adopted. And so far the G. L. has done no more than this, leaving the choice of its agents to the Subordinate Lodges. The Convention possessed no power to *pass law*; it could only *suggest* a Constitution: the G. L. did not pretend to make its proceedings binding upon any one. But when the G. L. went further and attempted to confer upon a body other than itself the power of confirming the proceedings of the Convention and making them obligatory, they exceeded their authority and could confer no such power. Your Committee hold the G. L. to be the legislative head within its jurisdiction, and when once created it holds its powers, subject only to this supreme body. It cannot delegate its legislative functions: if its charter is to be surrendered, or its powers abandoned, it must be to this body and to this body only. Any other course is disorganization. Without going further into the subject, the Committee have no hesitation in reporting that upon this point they believe the action of the G. L. of New York inoperative.

It now becomes us to examine the position in which the Order in New York is placed by this illegal action.

The G. L. U. S. will bear in mind that when the G. L. of N. Y. struck out the amending clause of their Constitution, they made no provision for its future amendment in case the Convention plan should fail. That plan in the opinion of the Committee having failed, the Constitution existed without any provision for amendment. Two opinions exist as to the mode of amending an organic law, which is deficient in such particular. On the one hand it is contended that it requires the unanimous consent of all the parties to the compact to effect any alteration; on the other, it is asserted that a majority is competent for that purpose. The G. L. of New York appears to have adopted the latter view and based upon it its action of December 8th, by which it inserted another amendment clause.

Your Committee do not propose to give an opinion on this doubted point, but will rather suggest such mode of action as will in another way meet the evils arising from the above irregularities. It is admitted on all sides that the Order in N. Y. at present labors under formidable difficulties. Grave doubts are conscientiously entertained by large numbers of intelligent brothers of the Order. The Constitution under which they should work is asserted to be no longer adapted to their wants or even their existence: they have outgrown its provisions: the incalculable increase of the Order has so enlarged the G. L. as to render it all but a physical impossibility to transact business at all. And in this state of things, it is exceedingly difficult to say how the Constitution is to be changed, or even whether it can be changed at all.

In view of all these circumstances your Committee deem it the duty of the G. L. U. S., by virtue of its supreme authority, to take such action, legislative or judicial, as may relieve the order in N. Y. from the consequences of the proceedings of the G. L., and at least give them the opportunity of effecting a change in a manner which shall be safe, certain and constitutional. They propose, therefore, that this Grand body shall recognize the action of the G. L. of N. Y., up to the time that the irregularities began, and then adopt the following measures to cover those irregularities. They recommend to this body to admit the proceedings of the Convention to be valid as a consulting body, and as there would have been no objection in the first instance, if their proceedings had been referred to the G. L. of N. Y. for its final action, they recommend that the course be taken now. Let the reported Constitution, (except so much as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge,) be referred to the G. L. of N. Y. at its November Session for consideration, and let the amending clause of the old Constitution be restored, as it stood

before it was stricken out; further, let the old Constitution be declared the organic law of the State until the November Session. If at that time the proposed Constitution be adopted, of course it will become the law of the Order, but if rejected, the old Constitution will continue in force, giving them, however, an opportunity for its further amendment, according to its provisions.

The Committee have discharged the duties assigned them. They felt the importance of the subject committed to their care, and have given it therefore their earnest and, as far as circumstances would permit, their undivided attention. They now commit it to your hands, with their sincere hopes that whatever action may be taken by your body, may secure the harmony, prosperity, and repose of the Order.

The Committee have annexed the testimony offered by G. S. Treadwell, of N. Y., which was given to show the absolute necessity of a change of Constitution.

The Committee submit the following resolutions :

PETER DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, is now the fundamental law of the said Grand Lodge; and that Art. 6, sec. 1 of the said Constitution, which was stricken out, be and hereby is restored and declared in full force and effect, except so far as is reserved in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of Constitution reported by the Convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York; and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its Session in November next, to take up the said form of Constitution, and act upon the same with full power to adopt or reject, as if regularly and formally before that body for final action in pursuance of Art. 6, sec. 1 of its Constitution.

Oral testimony of Brother Treadwell, G. S. of G. L. of New York.

At the last annual meeting of the G. L. of the State of New York, the highest number of votes polled on any question, was between 1,100 and 1,130. This was on the election of officers.

It takes in a full Grand Lodge, about an hour to call the yeas and nays.

The amendments proposed, and which would have come up at August term, 1846, if the general amendment had not passed, were printed separately, and formed a closely printed pamphlet of thirty-two pages. They must have been at least seventy-five in number, upon all of which the yeas and nays must have been taken separately.

In addition to the yeas and nays on the proposed amendments to the Constitution, the previous question was frequently called for, and voted for by yeas and nays; reconsiderations were also commonly voted for by yeas and nays, and also motions to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, and other motions of like nature.

Under old Constitution, the Grievance Committee consisted of one member from each Lodge. There are now three hundred and twenty-one Lodges working under jurisdiction of G. L. of N. Y.

Whole number of Lodges entitled to vote on the revised Constitution, two hundred and sixty.

Whole number returned as having voted in favor of its adoption, one hundred and fifty-nine.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
G. Secretary of G. Lodge of N. Y.

Baltimore, September 22, 1847.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of the report of the Special Committee relating to the organization of State Grand Lodges.

The question being on adopting the substitute offered by Rep. Bain, of Va., for the report of the committee—

Rep. Senter, of N. H., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the following form : “Shall the main question be now put?” which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the substitute for the report of the committee, Rep. Chapman, of Ind., called the previous question, which was not seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge.

The question again recurring on the resolution to adopt the substitute for the report of the committee, Rep. Affron moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, was put in the form following : “Shall the main question be now put?” which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put : “Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee?” which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Day, DeSaussure, Gill, Kerlin, Marshall, Moore, McCauley, Sessford, Spooner, Taylor, of Md., Williamson, Yohe, Yeager, Past Grand Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—18.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brewer, Brown of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, Dwinelle, Ellison, Green, Holmes, Hough, Haines, (2 votes,) Jones, Kelly, Lilly, MacRae, McKinnell, (2 votes,) Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, Roche, Senter, (2 votes,) Smith, Stokes, Simons, Theobald, Woodruff, Wells, Ware, P. G. Sire Wildey—40.

On motion, Rep. Wilson, of Wis., was excused from voting on the subject above decided.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Va., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, and the substitute offered by him therefor; when, on motion of

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., it was resolved, that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. S. Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Day of Ohio, offered the following as an amendment to the By-laws, which, under the rule, was laid on the table:

Amendment to the 25th By-Law.

Regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet not more than four inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet; the trimmings to be of yellow me-

tal; the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives, and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wear the regalia above described.

The jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamented edging of silver.

Representatives and Past Representatives shall wear medals of the size and style above, with the "coat of arms" of the State represented.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, ask leave to report, on the first and second questions, proposed by Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, (p. 1034,) and the question proposed by Rep. Ellison, of Mass., (p. 1036,) conjointly.

The charges of the Officers of Encampments do not throw much light upon the subject matter of the questions. The committee are aware of no reason why the J. W. should not preside in the absence of the C. P. and S. W. if the local laws do not prohibit it.

The Committee also say, that in the absence of the H. P., *if no P. H. P. be present*, there is nothing in the charge books or laws to prevent any R. P. member from performing all the duties of that officer.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. P. M. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, to lay the report on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on adopting the report, a division of the subject was asked for, and the question being on the first branch of the report relating to the Junior Warden, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being taken on the second branch of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to report on the questions proposed by Rep. McKinnell, of La., (p. 1089.)

In answer to the first inquiry, the committee say that a Lodge working in a foreign language may also, of course, keep a record of its proceedings in the language in which it works; but it is bound to keep a record in the English language, otherwise the Grand Officers having authority, would not always be able to inspect such record.

To the second inquiry, the committee answer :

The junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge, but it is his duty to occupy the seat of Past Grand for one term, and deliver the Past Grand's charge at installation. It is therefore improper that he should be elected to any office.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was resolved in the affirmative :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry of Rep. Ware, of R. I., report :

The resolution on p. 912, vol. 2, was intended to obviate the necessity of the visitor's working his way in, and it is so expounded in the Digest, Sec. 3, Art. 8, Division 2d.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, ask leave to report on the third and fourth questions proposed by Rep. Wilson of Wisconsin, (p. 1034,) and the question proposed by Rep. McKinnell, of La., (p. 1062,) conjointly.

The G. L. U. S. permits Grand Encampments to be organized, either of P. C. P's and P. H. P's. or of P. C. P's alone. Each Grand Encampment is at liberty to frame its Constitution, in this particular, to suit itself. See Digest §2 Article 1. Division Fourth.

As to the grade of P. H. P's, therefore, the committee say, that it depends entirely on the local laws. If by these laws they are admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment, the committee think that it would be best to make them eligible to any office, including that of Grand Patriarch. It is advisable that all members should be placed on the same footing. But the committee repeat that all these matters are submitted to the local legislatures of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Touching the right of P. H. P's to petition for a charter for a Grand Encampment. the committee say :

Under Article 5 of the By-Laws the mode of petitioning for a charter for a Grand Encampment is prescribed, and although the expression "each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Patriarchs, as Representatives, &c," yet the committee are persuaded that the obvious meaning is Past Chief Patriarchs. The committee therefore believe that P. H. P's are not competent petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Griffin, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, find on their docket, not yet reported on, the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodges of N. Carolina, Maine and Pennsylvania, on the six months term. These documents were laid before the committee after the preparation of their report on that subject, and were therefore not covered thereby. The subject having been acted on, the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins, the Appendix accompanying the report of the Committee on the Digest, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the Digest with the accompanying funeral ceremony, which being under consideration,

Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, offered as a substitute for the ceremony reported by the committee, the funeral service now in use under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was read.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, that the whole subject be referred to a select committee, it was not agreed to.

The question being on the substitute, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee,

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved to add a note at the end of the funeral ceremony, reported by the committee, as follows: "The Lodge or Encampment may use such funeral hymn as they may respectively prefer."

Rep. Cole, of Mass., called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put in form following, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative,—the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report, and the form of funeral ceremony reported by the Committee on the Digest?"

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson of Ga., AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., Chapin, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Ellison, Griffin, Gill, Holmes, (2 votes,) Hough, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, MacRea, Morris, McCauley, Parker, Sessford, (2 votes,) Senter, Stokes, Simons, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Wells, (2 votes,) Ware, Yohe, Yeager—P. G. Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock.—12.

NAYS.—Reps. Day, Kerlin, Marshall, (2 votes,) McKinnell, (2 votes,) Neally, (2 votes,) Rainsdell, Roche, Spooner.—13.

On motion, Rep. Bain, of Va., was excused from voting on the above subject.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the Laws passed at the last Session of this body defining a funeral regalia, be and the same is hereby repealed. (vol. 2, page 961) Digest, Article 2, Divisions 15, 16.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was ordered to lie on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the form of petition for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, in Article 5th of the By-Laws G. L. U. S. be so amended as to read, after the words "or P. Chief Patriarchs," or *last high Priests*.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of prayer adopted, with funeral address, be left optional for Lodges and Encampments, whether they use it or none.

Rep. McCauley, of Md., offered the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was not agreed to:

At the request of the family of the deceased, the prayer may be dispensed with.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., moved to add the words, "and Funeral Address," after the word "forms," in the resolution of Rep. Senter, which was agreed to.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodges, was put in form following, "Shall

the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative, the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report, That by Art. 16, Sec. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, upon the petition of five scarlet and two R. P. Degree members, a charter for an Encampment shall be granted. Believing this to be in opposition to Art. 2 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and that members of the R. P. Degree are alone qualified to petition for an Encampment Charter your committee would recommend it to be so amended as to require the petitioners to be of that degree.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
S. YORKE AYLEE,
W H BROWN.

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the affirmative.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Journal of the Session of yesterday being in progress of reading, on motion the further reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Reports and Returns beg leave to report, that they find the reports from the Grand Encampments of the States of Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts, correct.

Reports from the Grand Encampments of the States of Ohio, New Hampshire, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and South Carolina, contain no statement of the amount paid for relief, and are therefore incorrect.

The report from the State of Missouri is incorrect, in returning from September 30th, 1845, to June 30th, 1847, instead of returning for the proper fiscal year, commencing July 1st, and ending on the 30th June of each year, inclusive.

Kentucky.—Reports from May 1st, 1846, to May 1st, 1847, and has no relief report.

South Carolina.—From September 31st, 1847, to June 30th, 1847.—Has no seal of the Camp, or amount paid for relief.

New York.—No statement of amount of relief, nor is it signed by the G. Scribe: and for these reasons is incorrect.

Subordinate Encampments Correct.

Ridgely, No. 1, and Olive Branch, No. 4, of Tennessee. Winooski, No. 1, of Vermont. Lead Mines, No. 5, of Illinois. Wildey, No. 1, Louisiana. Metropolitan, No. 5, Indiana. Wildey, No. 1, Mississippi. Narragansett, No. 1, and Palestine, No. 3, Rhode Island.

Subordinate Encampments Incorrect.

North Carolina.—Campbell, No. 1—time reported for not stated, nor is there any seal attached. Pine, No. 3—Informal, and has no seal.

Calumet, No. 4, is from 14th May, 1847, to March 30th, 1847—has no seal or signature of C. P.

Rhode Island.—Narragansett, from July 1st, 1846, to December 1st, 1847.

Moshassuck, No. 2, from July 1st, 1845, to January 1st, 1847—has no statement of relief.

Delaware.—Delaware, No. 1—Two semi-annual reports, embracing the time from June 1st, 1846, to May 31st, 1847—amount of relief not stated.

Alabama.—Mount Ararat, No. 1—no relief.

St. Paul's, No. 2—no relief report.

Black Warrior, No. 3—amount paid for relief not reported.

Louisiana.—Hobah, No. 3—2 semi-annual reports—no relief.

Indiana.—Wilkey, No. 2—From September 5, 1846, to 5th September, 1847—no relief report.

Walsh, No. 6—From July 24th, 1846, to September 5th, 1847—no relief report, and no seal attached.

Mishawaka, No. 7—no seal.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg, No. 2—no signature of the C. P. or relief report.

Chocktaw, No. 3—no report of amount paid for relief.

Woodville, No. 4—two reports from 8th September, 1846, to July 5th, 1847—no seal attached, and amount paid for relief not reported.

Illinois.—Allen, No. 4—two semi-annual reports, from 19th May, 1846, to June 30th, 1847—the last signed by the H. P. instead of C. P.

Illinois, No. 1—no relief reported.

Wilson, No. 6—no signature of C. P.

Georgia.—Augusta, No. 4—no relief reported.

Vermont.—Winooski, No. 1—report commences in August (generally) 1846, and ends December, 1846, and makes no report for relief.

Michigan.—Michigan, No. 1—no relief report.

Marshall, No. 3—no relief.

Paw-wah-ting, No. 3—no relief report.

Leonwee, No. 4—no relief.

Wilkey, No. 5—not signed by the C. P.

Samaritan, No. 6—no relief.

It is within the knowledge of one of your committee that there is an Encampment located at Ann Arbor, Mich., known as Ann Arbor Encampment, No. 7, which has made no report.

Reports from several Subordinate Encampments in the District of Columbia, of fractions of the regular term, were placed in the hands of your committee, which appear to have been made with a view of adjusting the amount of per centage due to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and are therefore not more fully reported upon.

Gayosa Encampment has sent in a report, by which it does not appear in what State, Territory, or District the same is located. The number of the Camp is not stated, nor does the report state any amount paid for relief.

Grand Lodges.

Reports from the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, New Jersey and Mississippi are correct: also, New York and Pennsylvania.

Returns from the following Grand Lodges are incorrect, for the reasons herein mentioned, to wit :

Texas.—Reports from 1st April, 1846, to 31st March, 1845.

Illinois.—Correct, excepting it reports from 24th August, 1846, and the statement of amount paid for relief commences August, 1846, and ends June, 1847.

Connecticut.—Report is for the time intervening June 1st, 1846, and June, 1847 ; relief report from July 1st, 1846, to July 1st, 1847.

Tennessee.—Reports from July 18th, 1846, to July 1st, 1847, and contains no statement of the number of its members.

South Carolina.—From June 3d, 1846, to 1st July, 1847.

North Carolina.—Has no statement of the number of its members or the number of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

Rhode Island.—Does not report amount paid for relief.

New Hampshire.—Seal of the Lodge is not affixed, nor is the same signed by any of the Grand Officers.

Michigan.—Reports from July 1st, 1846, to July 1st, 1847, inclusive.

District of Columbia.—Discrepancy between the number of Subordinate Lodges reported and those named

Delaware.—Reports from 1st April, 1846, to 31st March, 1847.

Ohio.—From January 16, 1846, to June 30, 1847.

Louisiana.—Reports from 31st June, 1846, to July 1st, 1847.

Kentucky.—From 8th March, 1846, to 8th March, 1847.

Virginia.—Reports from April 1st, instead of July 1st.

Indiana.—Report does not give the name of the Lodge, and is in several other respects quite imperfect.

~ *Reports of Subordinate Lodges, Iowa*.—Keosauqua, No. 3, six quarterly reports, embracing the time from January 3d, 1846, to June 26, 1846. The first of which has no seal, and is not signed by the N. G. The 2d has no seal. Pensacola, No. 3, quarterly report, from June 4th, 1847, to July 2d, 1847. Washington Lodge, No. 1, four quarterly, instead of semi-annual reports. Muscatine, No. 5, quarterly report, from July 6th, 1846, to October 5, 1846—also a semi-annual report from this Lodge, commencing January 4th, 1847, ending June 28th, 1847, without seal.

Kosciusko, No. 6, without seal, and to which is appended the following note, which the committee submit for such action as this R. W. G. Lodge may deem expedient, to wit :

“ Brother J. M. Westfall, being a minister of the Gospel, was initiated free of charge, and brother Wm. Downard having been formerly a member in good standing in the English Order of Odd Fellows, was initiated for half-price, or \$4.”

Harmony Lodge, No. 2, term ending July 2d, 1847. Arkansas, Telulah Lodge, No. 2, 2 quarterly and 1 semi-annual report, embracing the time from June 2d, 1846, to 2d July, 1847. 1st quarterly has no seal, and neither of them gives the names or numbers of P. G's.

Florida, No. 1.—Does not appear for what term report is made.

Vermont.—Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1.—2 quarterly, embracing the term from July 1st, 1846, to December 31, 1846. No relief report.

Vermont Lodge, No. 2.—report from October 1st, to December 31st, 1846. Amount paid for relief not stated.

Windsor, No. 3.—amount of relief not stated.

White River, No. 4.—no relief reported.

Wantastiquet, No. 5.—no relief.

Caledonia, No. 6, correct—Social, No. 7, correct—Vergennes, No. 8, correct, and Starke, No. 9—Otter Creek, No. 10, and Lake Dunmore, No. 11, also correct.

Wisconsin.—Reports from Burlington—Lilly, of the Mound, Wisconsin, Halcyon, Justitia, Milwaukee, Kneeland, Olive Branch, and Rose of the Valley Lodges, are incorrect in not stating amount paid for relief. Lilly of the Mound is not signed by the proper officers of the Lodge, and is without seal. Enewenegras is not signed by the N. G., and Rose of the Valley has not the seal of the Lodge attached.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. MORRIS,
N. B. RAMSDELL.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report, page 1084 printed Journal, being report of the Committee on Constitutions—the report being read,

On motion of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, to amend as follows: "That the Grand Lodge disagrees to so much of the report of the committee as relates to Article 2, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana."

Rep. Neally, of Maine, moved to amend the amendments as follows, which the Chair ruled out of order:

Strike out in the 3d paragraph of the report the words "*to vote for Grand Officers*" in the twelfth line of the paragraph, and the words "*and of voting for Grand Officers*" in the last line of said paragraph, and to make such other alterations in the report as are necessary to make it conform to the proposed amendments.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, it was not agreed to.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, moved to amend the report as follows, which was agreed to:

To amend the report of Committee on Constitution, page 1086 of Journal, line 26, which relates to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by adding that all of Sec. 3 of Art. 3, beginning on line 21 of page 9, of Constitution, at the words "*vote or votes*," and end with the word "*accordingly*," in line 13 same page, be stricken out, also that the words "*voting by its representatives or otherwise*," in line 4 of same Section, be stricken out.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, moved to amend as follows:

That the words "Art. 1 and Art. 3, Clause 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan," be stricken out on page 86.

Rep. Brewer, of Conn., offered the following amendment to the amendment, which was not agreed to:

That the several State Grand Lodges be required to frame their Constitutions in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge as defined in the Digest, Section 5, Article 1, Division third.

The question recurring on amendment proposed by Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

Strike out in the 3d paragraph of the Report, the words "*to vote for Grand Officers*," in the 12th line of the paragraph, and the words "*and of voting for Grand Officers*," in the last line of said paragraph, and to make such other alterations in the Report as are necessary to make it conform to the proposed amendments.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Brewer, Cole, Davis, of Mass., Dimon, Dwinelle, Ellison, Green, Holmes, (2 votes,) Haines, Kelly, Macdonough, Neally, Parker, Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Senter, Wells—18.

NAYS—Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Affron, Bain, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, Coffin, Day, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Lilly, Moore, Morris, McCauley, (2 votes,) McKinnell, (2 votes,) Seesford, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williams, &c.

Wilson, Woodruff, Ware, (2 votes,) Yohe, Yeager, P. G. Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—42.

Rep. Kerlin, of Ohio, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and certain amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, beg leave to Report:

That they find the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of New Jersey, to be correct, and recommend that they be approved.

They further report, that by Art. 1, Sec. 1, and Art. 2, Sec. 1, Clause 1, Sec. 2, Clause 1, and Art. 3, Sec. 3, Clause 1, Sec. 4, Clause 3, of the Constitution of Alabama, contain the same features excluding Past Grands from their privileges, which have been objected to by the committee in their first report. They therefore recommend that the same be amended to conform thereto.

They further report, that by Art. 5, Sec. 2, Clause 1, of the same Constitution, members of the Grand Lodge shall upon their admission pay an entrance fee; believing this to be in opposition to Art. 28, page 70, of the Digest, they would recommend that clause be stricken out.

They would further recommend the alteration of Sec. 8, Art. 2, of the By-Laws of the same State be made to conform to the funeral regalia adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They further recommend that Art. 3 of the By-Laws of the same State be altered to conform to the regalia and jewels adopted by this Grand Lodge.

They would further recommend the alteration of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in the same State, so as to conform to the semi-annual terms.

The Constitution being otherwise correct, they would recommend it be approved.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
WM. H. BROWN,
S. YORKE ATLEE.

Rep. Williamson, of Tenn., from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report and recommendation, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Dibble and others, from the doings of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, ask leave to submit the following report:

The material facts set forth in the appeal are as follows:—The election of officers of the Grand Encampment takes place, by its Constitution and By-Laws, on the 31st day of December. At the meeting for that day, 1846, no quorum was present, and the members adjourned to the next day. At the hour appointed, the members assembled in the lobby of the hall, the hall itself being occupied by a Subordinate Lodge then in session. The G. Patriarch refused to open the Grand Encampment, ordering at the same time a meeting for the next evening, when the Encampment was opened and the Grand Officers elected.

Against this action the appeal is taken, on the ground that the election is illegal, because it did not take place on the day prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

It appears to your committee that no quorum being present on the day appointed for the election, it was competent for the minority to adjourn to the next day—and when on the next day, there appeared a physical obstacle to their entrance to the hall, the G. Patriarch was justified in adjourning until the next day, as a matter of necessity. The election, on the day prescribed by law, being thus deferred by unavoidable circumstances, there exists no good reason for declaring that election null and void. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Ramsdell, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report having reference to the diploma plate and to the certificate published by the Messrs. Winchesters, ask leave to report :

That whilst recommending to the Order the use of the blank form of diplomas (as suggested by the Grand Secretary) for charters, they deem it inexpedient to enforce it upon the Order.

That the diploma as published by this R. W. Grand Lodge is the only diploma recognized by the Order, and that the publication of the certificate by the Messrs. Winchesters is an infraction of the rights of this Grand Lodge.

The diploma of the Grand Lodge was published in the year 1840, five years previous to the certificate named, which it is evident is intended to enter into competition with, or to take the place of, the diploma.

Your committee would here beg leave, therefore, to reiterate the resolution adopted by your body at its last Session : "That by the existing laws the right to print or publish any portion of the Work of the Order, or any form of diplomas, belongs exclusively to this Grand Lodge."

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. RAMSDELL,
ANDREW YOHE,
HENRY McKINNEL.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., to reconsider the resolution adopting the above report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question again being on adopting the report of the Special Committee in reference to Diplomas,

Rep. Jones, of Ill., offered the following substitute for the report of the committee :

Resolved That the beautiful certificate of membership as published by Bro. Winchester, is no abridgement of any law of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Neally, of Maine, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodges, was put as follows : "Shall the main question be now put ?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee ?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

Y^{ea}s.—Reps. Bain, Brown, of Miss., Chapman, (2 votes,) Coffin, Cole, Davis, of Maine, Day, Dimon, DeSaussure, (3 votes,) Ellison, (2 votes,) Griffin, Gill, Holmes,

(2 votes,) Hough, Haines, Kerlin, MacRae, Moore, McCauley, (2 votes,) McKinnell, (2 votes,) Neally, Ramsdell, (2 votes,) Sessford, Senter, (2 votes,) Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Taylor, of Md., Torre, Woodruff, (2 votes,) Wells, Ware, (2 votes,) Yohe, (2 votes,) P. G. Sires Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—49.

NAYS.—Reps. AtLee, Affron, Brewer, Clark, of N. J., Dwinelle, Jones, (2 votes,) Kelly, Lilly, Macdonough, Williamson, Wilson—12.

The Grand Lodge on motion proceeded to the consideration of the report of Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of John W. Dwinelle, and Theodore Dimon, of New York, which having been under consideration for some time,

On motion that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on accepting the report of the committee, it was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., to adopt the report of the committee, Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, moved the previous question, which being seconded by a majority of the Lodge, was put as follows, "Shall the main question now be put?" which was resolved in the affirmative—the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Appeals?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., to adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the committee,

P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "effect" in the first resolution.

Rep. Kelly, of Va., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Grand Lodge, was put in the following form, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson of Ga., AtLee, Bain, Brewer, Brown of Miss., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, Coffin, Cole, Day, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSaussure (2 votes,) Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, (2 votes,) Lilly, MacRae, Moore, (2 votes,) McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Roche, Senter, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Ware, (2 votes,) P. G. Sires Wildey, Kennedy, Sherlock—45.

NAYS.—Reps. Morris, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, Wells, (2 votes,) Yohe, (2 votes,)—P. G. Sires Hopkins.—10.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, on motion, was excused from voting on the preceding question.

The question recurring upon the second resolution accompanying the report, Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved to amend the resolution as follows, which was unanimously agreed to:

Provided, however, that the Constitution as adopted be forwarded to this G. L. for approval, pursuant to the requirements of Art. 10 of the By-Laws of the G. L. U. S.

Whereupon Rep. Kelly, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the form following: "Shall the main question now be put?" the main question was then put,

"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the second resolution reported by the committee as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Anderson, of Ga., Anderson, of N. C., AtLee, Bain, Brewer, Brown, of Miss., Clark, of N. J., (2 votes,) Chapman, (2 votes,) Cole, Dimon, Dwinelle, DeSausure, (2 votes,) Ellison, Green, Griffin, Gill, Jones, (2 votes,) Kerlin, Kelly, (2 votes,) Lilly, McCauley, Macdonough, Parker, Roche, Senter, Taylor, of Md., Torre, Williamson, Wilson, Woodruff, Ware, (2 votes.)—37.

Nays.—Reps. Coffin, Day, Moore, (2 votes,) Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Stokes, (2 votes,) Wells, (2 votes,) Yohe, (2 votes,) P. G. Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Kennedy, Sherlock—17.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Constitution which has been designated by this G. L. for the action of the G. L. of N. Y., at November Session, be referred to the Committee on Constitutions, to report, if any and what parts should be stricken out before it be sent down to the G. L. of N. Y.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers and a due representation.

Rep. McKinnell, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finances have examined the following claims against the Grand Lodge, and find them correct:

E. B. White's bill for painting diagrams,	- - - - -	\$100 00
John Affron, postage paid by	- - - - -	4 00

which amount the committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer. \$104 00

They also most respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution:

H. MCKINNELL,
JOHN W. ANDERSON,
WM. DUANE WILSON.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary James L. Rodgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds in State stocks.

Rep. Clark, of N. J., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article I of Constitution, page 15, bottom line, after the words "Odd-Fellowship," add, that the unwritten work of the Order, shall in nowise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge—and the written Work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the specimen of Regalia laid before this R. W. Grand Lodge at its present Session, by Past Representative B. C. True, be approved by this R. W. Grand Lodge as a suitable Regalia of office, to be worn at their pleasure, by Grand Representatives, and Past Grand Representatives, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary prepare a description of the same, and publish it with the proceedings of this Session.

On motion the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the By-Law in relation to Regalia for the Grand Lodge of the United States, offered by Rep. Day, of Ohio, page 1112, printed Journal. The same being under consideration,

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., offered to strike out the first paragraph, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., moved to amend the proposed By-Law, by inserting the words "be entitled" after the word "shall" in the 4th paragraph, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the proposed By-Law, as amended, it was agreed to.

Rep. Griffin, of Ga., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the question proposed by Rep. Jones, of Illinois.

In the opinion of the committee, the time, place, and manner of balloting on applications for degrees, are proper subjects for local legislation. If the local laws permit the Lodge to be open in the initiatory degree, and initiatory and all other members to be present, when the ballot takes place, the committee would not interfere with those laws, as they violate no fundamental principle. But under no circumstances would it be lawful to permit members to vote who have not received the degree applied for.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,

E. M. P. WELLS,

J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Law proposed by him, page 1115, printed Journal, relating to the qualification of applicants for Grand Encampment charters.

On motion to adopt the amendment proposed, it was agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, of Iowa, beg leave to report.

That upon an examination of the above named Constitution and By-Laws, they find that by Article 11th of the Constitution, a scarlet member is made eligible to the office of N. G., after serving thirty-nine meeting nights in some inferior station.

They recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to require a member to pass the V. G.'s chair to be made eligible to the office of N. G. Also, that the Sec. 6 of the By-Laws be so amended as to require the N. G. or V. G. to be one of the committee to examine visiting brethren.

Also, that the 8th Section of the By-Laws be so amended as to require some stated rate of dues.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
S. YORKE A+LEE,
W. H. BROWN.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution proposed to be submitted to the State Grand Lodge of New York, beg leave to report :

That upon an examination thereof it presented an apparently novel system, to wit : That of District Grand Committees; but this feature upon further enquiry, appears to your committee rather new from its antiquity. The existence of District Grand Committees having been recognized and acted upon in the earliest period of the existence of the Order in this country, cannot now be objected to by your Committee. But they report that there are certain features in the constitution of these committees which in their opinion are in opposition to the principles established by this Grand Lodge. By Sec. 4, Art. 2, power is given to the committees in the Initiatory Degree for the purpose of hearing appeals. Your committee would recommend that so much of this section as relates thereto, be stricken out. By Sec. 5, Art. 2, power is given to the same committee to confer the Grand Lodge Degree. The action of this Body at its present Session has decided that the Grand Lodge Degree cannot be conferred in any other place than the Grand Lodge Room. Your committee must therefore recommend that it be stricken out. By Article 4, Section 8, in the absence of the G. Master or any P. G. Master, the senior member is required to install the Grand Officers; this question having been decided at the present Session, your committee would recommend that it be so amended as to correspond with the action which has heretofore been adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
S. YORKE ARLEE,
W. H. BROWN.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., objected to the reception of the report of the committee, upon the ground that it does not present a report upon a Constitution submitted by the Grand Lodge of New York for approval, but upon a constitution submitted by the Subordinate Lodges of that State.

The Grand Sire decided that this body having referred the Constitution to the Committee on Constitutions, it is in order for the committee to report upon it.

The question recurring upon the report of the Committee on Constitutions,

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows : "Shall the main question be now put ?" which was resolved in the affirmative ; the main question was then put, " Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Constitutions ?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to insert in the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee of Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of Bros. Dwinelle and Dimon, after the word "*reject*" the words "*or amend and adopt.*"

Rep. Torre, of S. C., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Salamon from the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, ask leave to submit the following report :

The substance of the appeal is set forth in the following words:

1st. On the right, under Clause 1 of Article 6 of the present Constitution, to determine any constitutional question otherwise than by the votes of the Past Grands present.

2d. On the right to adopt such parts of the present Constitution by votes of Lodges, as were, under our former Constitution, required to be adopted *by two-thirds of the votes present*, and whether such parts of our present Constitution as were so adopted, have been legally and properly passed.

3d. On the right of Past Grands, as members of the Grand Lodge, to control the action of the Grand Lodge on constitutional questions; by their votes in that capacity to prevent any encroachment on their rights or constitutional privileges, by votes being taken by representations.

4th. On the correct and proper view to be taken of the construction of a Grand Lodge, whether it is an assemblage of Past Grands, or of Subordinate Lodges, represented through their delegates; and whether it is not the conservative branch of the Order, upon whom devolves the duty, through their position, of controlling the destinies of Odd-Fellowship.

To the several questions here involved, the committee report answers as follows:

1. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, provides that there shall be two modes of voting. First by Past Grands, and second by Representatives of Lodges. Being silent upon the subject of the particular questions on which the modes of voting may be employed, the only inference is, that the Lodge is competent at all times to decide in which manner the vote shall be taken. The By-Laws of that G. Lodge, which may be considered as the best interpreters of the Constitution, provide that the vote by representation of Lodges may be called on all questions except the election of Grand Officers. The committee therefore are of opinion that the Grand Lodge of Alabama, has the right by her Constitution to determine constitutional questions otherwise than by votes of P. G.'s present.

2. It is the opinion of the committee that the parts of the present Constitution referred to in paragraph two, have been legally adopted.

3. Past Grands, when members of a Grand Lodge, are subject to its Constitution and Laws, and have no right to control the action of the Grand Lodge by any other than legal and constitutional means.

4. The proper view to be taken of a Grand Lodge is so fully set forth in the "Digest" adopted by this Grand Lodge, and in the report of the Committee on Constitutions just adopted, as to render any answer to this paragraph unnecessary, except a mere reference to those documents.

Respectfully submitted,

P. DELLA TORRE,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
S. H. PARKER.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Law, proposed by him, in relation to funeral regalia, page 1115, of the Journal.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is required to sell the Digest to Grand Lodges and others at \$25 per 100 copies, and for a less number at 37 cents per copy.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Mich., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom it was referred to report upon the expediency of removing the restriction of the Grand Secretary in confining that officer to the selection of Grand Lodges as agents for the sale of Diplomas, and also upon the expediency of disposing of the Diploma Plates, respectfully report:

That they recommend the removal of said restriction; and that they deem it inexpedient to dispose of said plates at the present time, and ask leave to submit the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. RAMSDELL,
ANDREW YOHE,
HENRY McKINNELL.

Resolved, That the second resolution on page 804, 2d vol. of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and the seventh resolution, and the words "as may by the said Grand Lodge or Encampment, be constituted sub-agents for granting such diplomas," in the 9th resolution, on page 574, volume I, be and the same is hereby rescinded, provided the repeal of the aforesaid resolutions shall not revive the resolution on the subject of the sale of diplomas on page 400, of said first volume.

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. Y. moved the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals, to-day made on the appeals from the G. Lodge of New York, and the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit this day's proceedings per mail to the several members of this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That on appeals to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the parties appellant shall be required to present a sufficient number of printed statements of their case to furnish one copy to each member of this G. Lodge.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolutions offered by Rep. Chapman, (page 1088,) now lying on the table, be postponed until the next regular Session of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. G. Sire, in pursuance of the constitutional provision adopted at this Session, authorizing the appointment of a special Representative to foreign jurisdictions, nominated G. Cor. Sec. James L. Ridgely, as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America, at the next annual communication of that body, which nomination was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Ga., the Corresponding Secretary was directed to record the vote on the nomination and confirmation of Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America, as unanimous.

After prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

**ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand
Lodge U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1847.**

ENCAMPMENTS	Where held.	States.	No. Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing mem- bers.	Relief.
G. Enc. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	12	280	30		\$6,776 10	876	No reports
Pennsylvania, - -	Philadelphia,	Pa.	62	1380	30	2	18,175 15	2882	\$2,050 11
New York, - - -	New York,	N. Y.	55	885	11		17,305 57	2815	3,677 50
Ohio, - - - - -	Cincinnati,	Ohio	20	383	10	8	3,48 49	776	No report
New Jersey, - - -	Newark,	N. J.	16	327	2		3,471 16	588	\$512 42
Connecticut, - - -	New Haven,	Conn.	11	144	19		1,456 90	481	146 00
Virginia, - - - -	Alexandria,	Va.	14	134	2	3	2,663 62	557	No report
Massachusetts, - -	Boston,	Mass.	26	477	44	2	10,348 69	1706	\$248 79
Kentucky, - - - -	Louisville,	Ky.	11	125	6		1,487 78	257	No report
Maine, - - - - -	Portland,	Me.	10	86	1		1,856 93	533	\$575 00
New Hampshire, - -	Dover,	N. H.	6	43			702 41	260	No report
Missouri, - - - -	St. Louis,	Mo.	5	57	7	2	1,039 42	95	No report
District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	5	124	4		2,537 51	391	No report
Georgia, - - - -	Savannah,	Ga.	5				867 90		
Ridgely Enc't, No. 1	Nashville,	Tenn.	5	51			990 25	153	\$12 00
*Washington,	Columbia,								
Gayosa,	Memphis,								
Olive Branch,	Nashville,	N. C.	4	70			£95 40	110	No report
*Jackson,	Franklin,								
Campbell,	Wilmington,								
*Bain,	Murfreesboro'	Ala.	4	19			438 25	45	No report
Pine,	Fayetteville,								
Calmut,	Newbern,								
Mt. Ararat,	Mobile,	Ind'a	6	64	4		950 90	78	No report
St. Paul's,	Montgomery,								
Black Warrior,	Tuscaloosa,								
*Pulaski,	Cahawba,	Ind'a	6	64	4		950 90	78	No report
Wilkey,	Madison,								
*Bethlehem,	Aurora,								
*Sherlock,	Laurel,	Ind'a	6	64	4		950 90	78	No report
†Metropolitan,	Indianapolis,								
Wabash,	Lafayette,								
Mishawaka,	Mishawaka,	R. I.	3	37		1,240 19	292	\$804 83	
Narragansett,	Providence,								
Moshassuck,	Providence,								
Palestine,	Newport,	Del'a	2	15		308 92	72	No report	
Delaware,	Wilmington,								
*McDonald,	Smyrna,								
*Illinois,	Chicago,	Ill.	4	36		441 38	48	No report	
Allen,	Quincy,								
Lead Mine,	Galena,								
Neilson,	Bellville,	La.	3	70		997 37	134	No report	
Wilkey,	New Orleans,								
*Louisiana,	Bayou Sara								
Hobah,	New Orleans,	Miss.	4	41		805 00	78	\$125 00	
Wilkey,	Natchez,								
†Vicksburg,	Vicksburg,								
Choctaw,	Jackson,	Mich.	6	47		789 65	151	No report	
Woodville,	Woodville,								
Michigan,	Detroit,								
Marshall,	Marshall,	Vt.	1	9		90 00	25	No report	
Paw-Waw-Ting	Niles,								
Lenawee,	Adrian,								
Wilkey,	Jackson,	Vt.	1	9		90 00	25	No report	
Samaratan,	Kalamazoo,								
Winooskie,	Montpelier,								
			300	4813	207	19	\$82,164 10	13,704	\$7,965 60

* No reports

† No report of members.

D. D. G. SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1847-8.

Vermont—Eli Ballou.

Florida—Wiley Williams.

Alabama—John Affron.

Rhode Island—Henry L. Webster.

Illinois Southern—G. B. Allen.

Illinois Northern, and part of Iowa and Wisconsin—John G. Potts.

Illinois, Northern part and Wisconsin—William Duane Wilson.

Arkansas—James Norton.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

P. G. William E. Anderson,	Wilmington, N. C.
P. G. M. John W. Anderson,	Savannah, Ga.
“ Samuel Yorke AtLee,	Washington, D. C.
“ John Affron,	Mobile, Ala.
“ George M. Bain,	Portsmouth, Va.
“ Wm. H. Brown,	Jackson, Miss.
G. C. P. Stephen Brown,	Concord, N. H.
P. C. P. Wm. L. Brewer,	Norwich, Conn.
P. G. Daniel T. Clark,	Newark, N. J.
D. D. G. S. S. B. Campbell,	Toronto, Canada.
P. G. J. P. Chapman,	Indianapolis, Ind.
“ James A. Coffin,	New York.
P. G. H. P. Raymond Cole,	Boston, Mass.
P. C. P. Ezra Clark, Jr.,	Hartford, Conn.
P. G. Windel T. Davis,	Greenfield, Mass.
“ Albert G. Day,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M. and G. P. Peter Della Torre,	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. M. Prelate Demick,	New Haven, Conn.
P. C. P. Theodore Dimon,	Utica, N. Y.
P. G. John W. Dwinelle,	Rochester, N. Y.
P. C. P. Wm. F. Davis,	Louisville, Ky.
P. G. P. Wm. Ellison,	Boston, Mass.
“ John Green,	New York.
G. M. R. H. Griffin,	Savannah, Ga.
P. G. George Sill,	Wilmington, Del.
G. C. Henry Holmes,	St. Louis, Mo.
G. P. Edward S. Hough,	Alexandria, Va.
P. G. Allen Haines,	Portland, Me.
P. G. George W. Johnston,	—, Ky.
P. G. M. S. S. Jones,	St. Charles, Ill.
P. G. Wm. B. Kerlin,	Steubenville, Ohio
P. C. P. A. S. Kellogg,	Detroit, Mich.
P. G. M. J. Harrison Kelly,	Charlestown, Va.
P. C. P. Samuel Lilly,	Lambertsville, N. J.
P. G. M. Alex. K. Marshall,	Nicholasville, Ky.
P. C. P. Duncan McRea,	Fayetteville, N. C.

P. G. M. Wm. W. Moore,	Washington, D. C.
P. G. George S. Morris,	York, Pa.
" Wm. L. McCauley,	Baltimore, Md.
" H. McKinnell,	New Orleans, La.
G. C. P. Edward F. Macdonough,	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G. E. St. J. Neally,	Bath, Me.
P. G. M. S. H. Parker,	Dover, N. H.
P. G. N. R. Ramsdell,	Ann Arbor, Mich.
" George J. Roche,	Baltimore, Md.
P. G. M. John Sessford,	Washington, D. C.
P. G. Timothy G. Senter,	Portsmouth, N. H.
G. M. G. P. Smith,	Nashville, Tenn.
G. M. Thomas Spooner,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M. John W. Stokes,	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. William Simons,	Providence, R. I.
R. W. G. W. Wilmot G. DeSaussure,	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. M. Levi Taylor,	Baltimore, Md.
R. W. D. G. M. James H. Taylor,	Charleston, S. C.
P. C. P. Frederick P. Theobald,	Gardner, Me.
P. D. D. G. S. I. D. Williamson,	Memphis, Tenn.
P. G. John Winder,	Detroit, Mich.
P. G. M. Wm. Duane Wilson,	Milwaukee, Wis.
P. C. P. M. Woodruff,	Columbus, Ga.
P. G. M. E. M. P. Wells,	Boston, Mass.
P. G. John H. Wakefield,	Lambertville, N. J.
" A. P. Ware,	Providence, R. I.
" Andrew Yohe,	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
P. G. M. John C. Yeager,	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey,	Baltimore, Md.
" " Samuel H. Perkins,	Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Zenos B. Glazier,	Wilmington, Del.
" " John A. Kennedy,	New York
" " Howell Hopkins,	Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Thomas Sherlock,	Cincinnati, Ohio.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

Horn R. Kneass,	M. W. G. Sire,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Newell A. Thompson,	R. W. D. G. Sire,	Boston, Mass.
James L. Ridgely,	R. W. G. C. and R. Sec'y,	Baltimore, Md.
Andrew E. Warner,	R. W. G. Treasurer,	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. James D. McCabe,	W. G. Chaplain,	Abingdon, Va.
Smith Skinner,	W. G. Marshall,	Philadelphia, Pa.
John E. Chamberlain,	W. G. Messenger,	Baltimore, Md.
Samuel L. Harris,	W. G. G.,	Washington, D. C.

Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE U. S.

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1848.

MONDAY, September 18, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

HORN R. KNEASS, - - M. W. G. Sire.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary
ANDREW E. WARNER, R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, R. W. G. Chaplain.
SMITH SKINNER, - - R. W. G. Marshal.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. G. Messenger.
SAMUEL L. HARRIS, - W. G. Guardian.

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, and reported that a constitutional quorum of States were present, the Deputy Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Deputy Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The chair named Reps. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, Ramsdell, of Michigan, and Sessford, of District of Columbia, as the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, from the majority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following representatives as in form and duly authenticated:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,		
P. G. M. WM. E. PARMENTER,	}	Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. M. E. C. ROBINSON,		
P. G. W. L. BOAK,	}	Reps. of Virginia.
P. G. M. SAMUEL H. PARKER,		
P. G. P. STEPHEN BROWN,	}	Reps. of New Hampshire.
P. G. M. WM. H. McKEE,		
P. G. T. BURR, Jr.,	}	Reps. of North Carolina.
P. G. WM. N. KNIGHT,		
P. G. M. SAMUEL READ,	}	Rep. of Rhode Island.
P. G. JOHN H. WAKEFIELD,		
P. G. JACOB P. CHAPMAN,	}	Reps. of New Jersey.
P. G. ALEX. K. MARSHALL,		
P. G. WRIGHT MERRICK,	}	Rep. of Indiana.
P. G. JOHN SILSBY,		
P. G. N. B. KNEASS,	}	Reps. of Kentucky.
P. G. ROBERT MOTT,		
P. G. M. JNO. W. ANDERSON,	}	Rep. of Alabama.
P. G. M. ROBT. H. GRIFFIN,		
P. G. NORTON R. RAMSDELL,	}	Reps. of Louisiana.
P. G. M. ALFRED TREADWAY,		
D. G. M. W. G. DeSAUSSURE,	}	Reps. of Georgia.
G. M. JAMES H. TAYLOR,		
P. G. RICHARD GREEN,	}	Reps. of Michigan.
P. G. M. THOMAS SPOONER,		
P. G. M. WM. R. SMITH,	}	Reps. of South Carolina.
P. G. M. NATH. F. DEERING,		
P. G. M. WM. H. BROWN,	}	Reps. of Ohio.
P. G. JOHN B. DICKS,		
P. G. M. JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.,	}	Reps. of Maine.
P. G. M. WM. W. MOORE,		
P. G. H. L. PAGE,	}	Reps. of Mississippi.
P. G. WM. T. MINOR,		
P. G. PETER FRITZ,	}	Reps. of District Columbia.
P. G. WM. D. BAKER,		
P. G. GEORGE B. DICKSON,	}	Rep. of Wisconsin.
P. G. ROBERT S. HARRIS,		
P. G. M. HENRY HOLMES,	}	Rep. of Connecticut.
P. G. WM. A. MOFFETT,		
P. G. ELI BALLOU,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. JAMES M. CONRAD.		
	}	Reps. of Delaware.
	}	Reps. of Missouri.
	}	Rep. of Vermont.
	}	Rep. of Texas.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. C. P. G. D. TEWKSBURY,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
P. C. P. B. F. ZIMMERMAN,		
P. G. H. P. RAYMOND COLE,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts.
P. G. JOS. B. FROST, Jr.,		
P. G. H. P. TOWNS'D P. ABELL,		Rep. of Connecticut.
P. G. HORATIO N. GALLAHER,		Rep. of Virginia.
P. H. P. J. G. FORMAN,		Rep. of New Hampshire.
P. G. ISRAEL DISOSWAY,		Rep. of North Carolina.
P. G. WM. M. ALLEN,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. A. W. HAINES,		
P. G. M. JOHN T. TOWERS,		Rep. of District Columbia.
P. G. GEORGE PATTEN,		Rep. of Georgia.
P. C. P. F. P. THEOBALD,		Rep. of Maine.
P. G. P. JOHN WINDER,		Rep. of Michigan.
P. G. WM. B. CHAPMAN,	}	Reps. of Ohio.
P. G. JOHN BROUGH,		
P. G. P. PETER DELLA TORRE,		Rep. of South Carolina.
P. C. P. JOHN G. HASTINGS,		Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. M. CHAS. W. WHITALL,		Rep. of Louisiana.
P. C. P. R. GILLESPIE,		Rep. of Kentucky.
P. H. P. SAMUEL W. BOND,		Rep. of New Jersey.

The committee have in their hands credentials certifying the election of

P. G. JAMES W. HALE,
P. G. JOHN J. DAVIES,

whose certificates are signed by Joseph R. Taylor, as Grand Master, and Benjamin J. Pentz, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, also of

P. G. JOHN W. DWINELLE.

whose certificate is signed by D. P. Barnard, as Grand Master, and W. H. H. Prall, as Grand Secretary. The seal of the Grand Lodge of New York is, so far as the committee can distinguish, upon all the certificates.

Certificates of the election of the following gentlemen from the Grand Encampment of New York:

P. C. P. JOS. D. STEWART,
P. C. P. WM. W. DIBBLEE,

whose certificates are signed by Thaddeus Davids, as Grand Patriarch, and John J. Davies, as Grand Scribe, and of

P. C. P. HIRAM P. ROWELL,
P. C. P. DAVID D. EGAN,

whose certificates are signed by Issachar G. Reid, as Grand Patriarch, and John L. Van Boskerck, as Grand Scribe. The impressions

of the seal of the Grand Encampment are upon all the certificates so far as the committee can distinguish.

Your committee, in determining as to whom of these claimants are entitled to seats, are governed by the rule that they are bound to take official notice of such Grand Bodies in the local jurisdictions as have been duly recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States and its officers, and such evidence of that recognition as is found upon its records and its archives, as *prima facie* conclusive of the authenticity and genuineness of the communications which appear to emanate from them. They, therefore, with this guide, report the following representatives as having authentic certificates, and as entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge:

Grand Lodge of New York.

P. G. JAMES W. HALE,
P. G. JOHN J. DAVIES.

Grand Encampment of New York.

P. C. P. JOS. D. STEWART,
P. C. P. WM. W. DIBBLEE.

The committee find in their hands a certificate of the appointment of Vice Grand Peter A. Brinsmade, as delegate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, under the signatures of the officers and seal of the Lodge. It is herewith returned to the Grand Lodge for such action as may be necessary thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, from the minority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, minority of the committee appointed for the examination of credentials, begs leave to report: That in his opinion the evidence before the committee is not sufficient to authorize the committee to decide upon the conflicting claims of brothers from the State of New York, whose certificates were before your committee. And although your committee might, perhaps, take official notice of the existence of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in that State, they could not take such notice of their officers. The evidence of the genuineness of the several certificates before your committee, depends in the estimation of the undersigned, solely on the impression of the seal of the lodge or encampment from which they purport to come, and beyond which your committee could not look without further authority from this R. W. Body. The impression of the same seal is on each of the Encampment certificates, and the same in the case of the Grand Lodge certificates.

The undersigned asks leave therefore to refer said certificates to this lodge, without further action of the committee thereon, and recommends that the matter be referred to a select committee, with authority to take such evidence as they may deem necessary for correctly deciding the question before them.

Respectfully submitted.

N. R. RAMSDELL.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the majority report of the Committee on Credentials was divided, and so much thereof as referred to the uncontested seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States was adopted. The question recurring on that part of the majority report of the Committee on Credentials not already acted upon,

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That no person be admitted to visit this Grand Lodge unless by special resolution.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That P. G.'s John G. Treadwell, W. H. H. Prall, Daniel P. Barnard, William Hopkins, Timothy Parson, — Jacques, Theodore A. Ward and — Vail, be allowed to visit this Grand Lodge during the session.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, moved to amend by striking out the name of John G. Treadwell.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved the following substitute:

Resolved, That until the settlement of the claims of representatives to this Grand Lodge from the State of New York, no persons shall be admitted to seats on this floor, except members of the Grand Lodge and those claiming to be such.

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of that part of the majority report of the Committee on Credentials not already acted upon.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved to amend that part of the majority report under consideration as follows:

Resolved, That the whole matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York be referred to a special committee to be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to postpone the whole subject until the Grand Sire's annual report shall have been read.

Rep. Moore called the previous question, which, not being seconded, the question recurred on the motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, to postpone, when he asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion.

The question being upon the amendment of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, to that part of the majority report under consideration, it was resolved in the affirmative. Whereupon the report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That the committee to whom the New York controversy was ordered to be referred shall consist of five, and be elected by ballot.

On motion of P. G. S. Glazier, to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, to the majority report of the Committee on Credentials, it was resolved in the negative.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nomination of candidates for the committee to whom the subject of the New York controversy was referred, when the following nominations were made:

Reps. Mott, of La.; Baker, of Pa.; Torre, of S. C.; Marshall, of Ky.; Wakefield, of N. J.; Ramsdell, of Michigan; Minor, of Conn.; Spooner, of Ohio; Moore, of D. of C.; Forman, of N. H.; Smith, of Maine; Sessford, of D. of C.; Ballou, of Vt.; Chapman, of Ind.; Griffin, of Ga.; DeSaussure, of S. C.; Holmes, of Mo.

Reps. Griffin, Torre, Mott, DeSaussure, Chapman, Holmes and Ballou, declined being candidates for the committee.

Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, moved that the nominations be now closed, and that the lodge proceed to ballot, which was agreed to.

The M. W. Grand Sire appointed Reps. Marshall, of Kentucky, and Ballou, of Vermont, as tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives and counted the same, announced the following result: that 66 votes had been polled, of which number

Reps. Parmenter received	-	-	47 votes.
Baker	"	-	30 "
Marshall	"	-	36 "
Wakefield	"	-	27 "
Ramsdell	"	-	36 "
Minor	"	-	12 "
Spooner	"	-	20 "
Moore	"	-	24 "
Forman	"	-	10 "
Smith	"	-	30 "
Sessford	"	-	16 "
Scattering,	-	-	36 "
Blank	-	-	1 "

Whereupon the chair declared that Reps. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, Marshall, of Kentucky, and Ramsdell, of Michigan, having received a majority of the votes polled, were elected, and that no election had been had as to the residue of the committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives and counted the same, announced the following result: that 68 votes had been polled, of which number

Reps. Baker received	-	-	40 votes.
Smith	"	-	37 "
Wakefield	"	-	29 "
Spooner	"	-	24 "
Moore	"	-	5 "

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared that Reps. Baker, of Pennsylvania, and Smith, of Maine, having received a majority of the votes polled, were elected.

On motion of Rep. Fritz, of Pennsylvania, P. G. Sec'y Wm. Curtis, P. C. P's Aaron Waters, Wm. Allen and T. Fisk, of Pennsylvania, P. C. P. Forbes, of Louisiana, Israel Robinson, M. W. G. M. of Virginia, P. G. M. Levin Jones, P. G. M. John Mills, P. G. Christopher Cammack, of District of Columbia, were admitted to visit this Grand Lodge during its session.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, from day to day, for the use of the members, omitting from the said *daily publication* such documents as the members may be furnished with in a printed form.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge forbid to its members, officers, or visitors, the right to report the proceedings of this body for publication.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins, the reading of the Journal of last session was dispensed with.

P. G. S. Kennedy moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do meet daily, during the session, at 10 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of P. G. S. Glazier, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at 5 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved to amend by substituting 6 o'clock P. M., which was not agreed to, and the resolution of Rep. Mott was adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

The chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, Fritz, of Pennsylvania, Smith, of Tennessee.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Moore, of District of Columbia, Deering, of Maine, Silsby, of Alabama.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Anderson, of Georgia, Brown, of Mississippi, Conrad, of Texas.

Committee on Returns and Reports of Grand Lodges and Grand

Encampments and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.—Reps. Spooner, of Ohio, Harris, of Delaware, Page, of Wisconsin

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Parker, of New Hampshire, Read, of New Jersey, Abell, of Connecticut.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Chapman, of Indiana, Holmes, of Missouri, McKee, of North Carolina.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Mott, of Louisiana, Marley, of Maryland, Parker, of Illinois.

Committee on Grand Lodges and Encampments not represented.—Reps. Robinson, of Virginia, Knight, of Rhode Island, Towers, of District of Columbia.

On motion of Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, P. G. M. Wayne, of Georgia, was admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. McKee, of North Carolina, P. G. M. MacRea, of North Carolina, was admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge meet daily for the transaction of business at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, report the following certificates as correct:

Grand Lodge of Tennessee.—P. G. A. M. Rosborough, P. G. M. G. P. Smith.

Grand Encampment of Tennessee.—P. G. Sec'y Elijah Morton.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER, for the Committee.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In complying with the provision of the constitution touching the duty of the Grand Sire upon the annual assembling of the representatives of the extended jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, I cannot forbear the expression of my profound gratitude to the Author of all good for the increased strength, almost universal harmony and enhanced usefulness by which our progress, during the last year, has been distinguished, and, at the same time, to tender to the other officers, representatives and other members, my most cordial congratulations upon the happy manifestation of the various healthful influences of our fraternity, which, ramifying through every condition of life, give encouragement, comfort and peace wherever they

are felt, and confirm the institution in the intelligence and regard of the people by whom they are either witnessed or enjoyed.

Occupying so large a space in the public eye as does this Order, to whose advancement we have contributed our sleepless energies, and whose prosperity is promotive of and inseparable from the improvement of the moral condition of every community where its maxims are promulgated, it cannot but be gratifying to those engaged in the development of its mild yet effective power, to find, upon each successive annual return, the general expectation satisfied, and a still more extended usefulness ensured.

Called upon, as I was, on the adjournment of the last session, by the organic law, (whose fulfilment all of us are required to assist) "to exercise, during the recess, a general superintendence over the interests of the Order," it is scarcely necessary for me to say that, impressed with a sense of the importance and delicacy of the functions thus committed to me, I invoked the aid of whatever judgment and experience I possessed, and, in some instances, invited counsel from others, distinguished alike by their discretion, talent and high position, in the hope that my official acts and doings (which I now respectfully submit to your consideration) might be in consonance with our rules and usages, and, at the same time, assist and secure the steady advancement of those principles to the illustration and enforcement of which we are in common devoted.

On the 29th of December last, the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont was instituted. That pleasing duty was performed by the R. W. D. Grand Sire, Bro. Thompson, assisted by P. G. M. Parmenter, at Montpelier, and in such a manner as to impress the members of that body with the importance of the task so committed to their hands. The members themselves are citizens of the utmost respectability and intelligence in that State, and doubtless will know no let or hindrance in the diffusion of the blessings they have thus undertaken to dispense. They will, in all probability, be represented at this session, as immediately after the institution of their Grand Lodge they elected, amongst other officers, an intelligent and highly useful member as their representative.

An application having been made in due form for a dispensation to open a Grand Encampment in the State of Delaware, the same was allowed. On the 2d of August last, in company with P. G. Sire Hopkins, (who kindly agreed to assist in the interesting ceremonies of the occasion) I instituted the said Grand Encampment in the city of Wilmington, and caused such information to be imparted to the members as was deemed necessary in the new and trying position they had assumed. Enjoying a personal acquaintance with most of the petitioners, I needed no assurance beyond that which my knowledge of their personal worth and capacity afforded me of their inclination and ability to render valuable service in the new sphere in which they were thus placed.

An application having been made, in due form, for the establishment of a Grand Encampment in the State of Louisiana, a dispen-

sation for the same was issued. Bro. H. McKinnell, late Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of that State, opened that Grand Encampment on the 10th of February last, at New Orleans. From the high character of the members engaged in the enterprise, I am allowed the inference that the condition of the Patriarchal department of our Order, in that section of our jurisdiction, will be thus materially strengthened and improved, and its advantages be generally diffused through the brotherhood there.

On the 10th of January last, the Grand Encampment of Indiana was constituted at Indianapolis, by Bro. J. P. Chapman, Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of that State, whose general efficiency in the discharge of official duty connected with our institution, affords the assurance that the task committed to his performance was satisfactorily attended to. There is every reason to believe that this branch of Odd-Fellowship will thrive, and soon be widely extended under the protecting care of those meritorious brethren to whom the assisting of its further growth has been confided.

Dispensations for a number of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments have been issued, but for information as to the same I respectfully refer the Grand Lodge to the report which will be submitted by the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

During the recess, I have been appealed to upon a variety of interesting and important subjects connected with the Order, and in view of the duty required at my hands, I take occasion to refer to a number of them, so that, in case of any error in judgment on my part, concerning the same, I may at once be corrected and the correction forthwith be promulged. Many of the matters submitted to my consideration having found ready responses in the Digest, it is unnecessary to refer to them, believing it to be well to invite your attention to those only which were not so easy of solution.

It has been submitted to me whether an encampment can displace an officer, during the term for which he was elected, for non-attendance, in the absence of any constitutional provision or by-law on the subject, and to that question I have given a negative answer. If an encampment fail to incorporate in her constitution or by laws, that an officer vacates his seat by neglect of duty or non-attendance for any number of meetings, I am aware of no usage that will justify her in declaring vacant an office where there has been such neglect or non-attendance on the part of the member elected to and installed in the same. If such a procedure were allowable, it must be obvious that such officer would be liable to removal at the whim or sudden ill-feeling of the members of the encampment to which he belongs, and if in one case a real neglect of duty should be used as a basis for such an act, in another a supposed dereliction might be urged with the same result; and if, to-day, an absence for half the official term, or a much less time, should be considered a sufficient cause of removal, it might be that to-morrow something less objectionable would be an adequate cause also, and one can readily see that in such a view of the official tenure, an officer could be re-

"lodge" as used by the Grand Lodge of the United States, means a Subordinate Lodge that is neither expelled nor suspended. If a lodge is expelled, of course its functions cease altogether—if suspended, its functions stop during the period of such suspension. By the suspension of a lodge its rights as a lodge cease temporarily, and this temporary disability attaches as well to the members individually as collectively; a member of a lodge thus unfortunate not being allowed to visit in the brotherhood, of representing that lodge in the Grand Lodge, &c. Hence it follows that when a Subordinate Lodge is suspended, a member of the same who is also a member of a Subordinate Encampment is affected in such encampment by the suspension of that lodge, and he has no right, while that disability lasts, to visit that or any other encampment, any more than he should be permitted to visit any other Subordinate Lodge. His rights in the Subordinate Lodge being suspended, his claim to exercise the duties of an office in the Grand Encampment, which, in all cases, must rest upon his membership in a Subordinate Encampment, must likewise be suspended, and he has no more right to visit the Grand Encampment than a Subordinate Encampment or Subordinate Lodge in good standing. If then a Grand Lodge should suspend any of its Subordinate Lodges, and notice of the fact be given by the former to the Grand Encampment, such notice is conclusive upon the latter body, and she cannot go behind it, but should at once take such means as might be deemed most effective to apprise the various Subordinate Encampments under her jurisdiction of the fact, and to prevent the members of such suspended lodges, who are also members of Subordinate Encampments, from visiting any encampment whatever under its jurisdiction.

It has also been submitted to me as to the time when a suspension of a lodge takes effect, whether at the time of the passage of the act, or at the official notification to the lodge of the same; and I have decided that the suspension of a lodge takes effect at once, on the passage of the resolution declaring the said suspension. Although upon the first view of the subject, it might appear unjust to a lodge located at a distance from its State Grand Lodge to consider invalid all her acts done in the interval between the act of suspension and the receipt of the notice of the same, yet it should be recollected that the penal laws of our Order, as well in consonance with the principles of justice as the rules of our fraternity, are enforced only after a specific charge has been presented, and an opportunity given to the accused to be heard. In every such case, he knows the nature of such a charge, and can if he choose, meet it, and must await the issue without doing any thing calculated to affect innocent persons. A State Grand Lodge has the power to say when a suspension shall take effect, and in the exercise of that power may fix for that purpose a period some time off, or declare an immediate suspension. If a card be issued by a suspended lodge, after its suspension, but before the receipt of the notice of the same, it would prove of no service to its holder. The records of

the State Grand Lodge would show the date of the suspension, and that being anterior to the date of the card, other lodges aware of the facts would be governed by the declarations of the superior body.

It has also been submitted to me whether the name of a candidate for initiation and membership can be withdrawn after being once handed over to the committee—whether in such a case the lodge is not bound to proceed to vote upon his application.

To these inquiries I thought proper to answer, that after the name of such candidate is handed over to a committee, it may be withdrawn before the report of that committee is presented, but not subsequently. If the report is recommitted to the committee, it seems to me that it is then too late to withdraw the name of the candidate. If it were otherwise, the purpose of the law applicable to rejected candidates would be, in a great measure, baffled, and lodges might through a want of full information as to the standing of applicants, be imposed upon.

It has also been submitted to me, whether a person can be admitted into a Subordinate Lodge on an encampment card. While encampments are a part of the same order with Subordinate Lodges, use the same form of card, and derive their existence and authority from the same source, still the two branches are separate and distinct. A member of one may be familiar with the other, but it does not follow necessarily that he must be so. Encampment members should be of course competent to decide upon the authenticity of a card from a Subordinate Lodge, but it does not follow that members of a Subordinate Lodge can decide upon the correctness of an encampment card; indeed, there might be such a thing as a lodge without a member enjoying any patriarchal degree. As the rule in reference to cards should be uniform, such a lodge would be without an adequate guard against imposition. Thus impressed, I responded accordingly.

It was also submitted to me, whether there were any other funeral regalia than that designated in the Digest. This subject appears to have engrossed much attention in one of the State jurisdictions, and to have generated in its discussion therein an excitement inconsistent with a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the question. The language of the Digest, however, upon the subject, is so clear and positive, that notwithstanding my high respect for the intelligence of those involved in the discussion, I am nevertheless constrained to say, that I cannot see how more than one construction could be placed upon the same. The only regalia to be worn at funerals is that described in the Digest.

In May last I received from Bro. Wm. Towers, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, a communication upon the subject of establishing lodges on the Pacific coast, particularly in Oregon, and suggesting to me a ready means by which that object could be accomplished, in the event of my seeing no impediment in the way of my authorizing so important a step. The introduction of the light of Odd-Fellowship to that remote region would no doubt

contribute, in a great degree, to make that comparative wilderness smile and blossom with the fruits of civilization, and impart additional warmth to the hearts of the sparsely scattered population of that recently explored seaboard, yet I was constrained to defer to the decision of this body, made at its last session, in the hope that at the reassembling of the representatives, at this session, some efforts might be made to send the glad tidings of our brotherhood across the Rocky Mountains, and proclaim them, in accents of fraternal love, upon the ocean-bound coast of Oregon. I therefore most respectfully invoke your earnest attention to this interesting subject.

On the 3d instant I received, through the agency of D. D. G. Sire Webster, a petition from Palestine Encampment, No. 3, praying for a change of location from Newport to Woonsocket. That judicious brother warmly seconds the application, but in view of the early meeting of this body, I forebore to comply with the request, and now submit it for your consideration and action.

I cannot forbear to call your attention to a decision of this Grand Lodge, made at its last session, in reference to the provisional operation of a constitution or amendment in the interval between the adoption of the same and its confirmation by this body. In my judgment, this construction of the tenth article of the by-laws is so latitudinarian as to defeat, in a great measure, the operation of the by-law itself. The organic law of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment should be permanent; at least, should continue in force from one session of this body to another. Under the construction referred to, such a law, after an elaborate examination and confirmation by this Grand Lodge, might be amended immediately after the adjournment of the session at which it was confirmed, and the said amendment could continue in use till the following session of this body, and after action upon the same, could be altered again by the State Grand Lodge in the form of an amendment. In this manner the confirmatory power of this body would exist only in name—become a mockery—and the full power of making such alterations *ad libitum*, in reality would exist in the State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Besides this grave and substantial objection, there is another to be found in the spirit of change which is thus engendered and fostered, and to which it is unnecessary to do more than refer. The construction alluded to could, in my opinion, be advantageously restricted to new lodges and encampments, but when their constitutions receive the approval of this Grand Lodge, no amendment of the same should go into force until stamped with the confirmatory power of this body.

These considerations I have deemed it proper to suggest, so that if it should be adjudged advisable to continue the sanction of constitutions differing in many essential features, there may yet be preserved in the same a consistency with the well known usages and rules of the Order.

In this connexion, I desire to present to your deliberations the inquiry whether a form of constitution for Grand Lodges, also a form

of constitution for Grand Encampments, would not in the main, prove more satisfactory than the present unstable platform of organic law which too often bends beneath the pressure imposed upon it. A uniform constitution emanating from the great source of authority in our institution, so fashioned as to meet and cover the entire wants of the States, it seems to me would do much to quiet the spirit of discord which is too often abroad, and at the same time prevent much of the litigation which bears so oppressively upon the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the variety of their constitutional provisions. The *language* of our Order being the same wherever it is pronounced, I can see no reason why the organs which give it utterance, should not, so far as our agency can make them so, be alike also. In proportion as uniformity in our institutions is carried out, in the same proportion will the facilities for a full and sound understanding of the humanizing work in which all of us are engaged, be enhanced, and the perpetuity of the Order itself promoted. A form of constitution applying to all the Subordinate Lodges in a State jurisdiction, has, so far as I have learned, proved highly advantageous and useful in every sphere where it has been permitted to operate; and in this view, I cannot but believe that a similar caution in respect to the various Grand Lodges, would be equally serviceable and happy in its results upon the vast jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

In conformity to a resolution of this body, I prepared a brief salutatory address, which was engrossed and committed to the hands of Bro. James L. Ridgely, our special representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America. That esteemed and enlightened brother repaired to Montreal, and was present at the last session of that distinguished body. An account of his mission will be contained in the general report which he will be pleased to communicate to you.

Under a resolution of the last session, authorizing and directing the Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Grand Treasurer, to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds in state stock, there has been invested by those officers, in Maryland State six per cent. stocks, the sum of three thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars forty-six cents.

I beg leave to state that there was no application by the Grand Lodge of Texas for the selection by the Grand Sire of a competent visitor to instruct in the correct work of the Order; whether the failure to make such an application was in consequence of the impoverished condition of the finances of that body, which under the resolve of this Grand Lodge was required to defray the expenses of such special visitation, or the obtaining of the required instruction from other sources, without the aid offered by the resolution, I am unable to determine; no selection for that purpose, however, was by me made.

I received under date of the 17th of November last, an official communication from Bro. Joseph R. Taylor, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, setting forth certain proceedings of that body relative to the adoption of a constitution at its

November session, and asking my official advice and instruction relative to the course he was to pursue. In the said communication he submitted three distinct propositions, viz: "first, should not the constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session have been before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, before amendments could be offered to the same, if any were required; second, that constitution not being before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, could another offered in lieu of it be legally adopted; third, must the constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session (if legally adopted) be immediately put in force as required by that constitution, or should it be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States before it can be enforced." As to the first proposition, I answered that the second resolution reported by the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the last session, declares that the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action in pursuance of article six, section one, of its constitution, &c. By this resolution it will be seen that the Grand Lodge of New York is directed at its November session to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same, &c. When so taken up at the November session it might have been amended, but not sooner.

As to the second, I answered that the said resolution of the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the United States directs that the form of constitution, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the said Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the Grand Lodge of New York, which Grand Lodge was directed, at its November session, to take it up and act upon the same. Subsequently the Committee on Constitutions, in their report upon the form of constitution referred to, recommended that certain portions of the same be stricken out, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by the adoption of the said report the portions of the said form of constitution referred to in the said report as objectionable, were stricken from the said form of constitution. If, then, the form of constitution, as referred by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York, was not taken up by the latter body at its November session, but a different one, the taking up of the latter form was without the authority of law, and if the same were adopted, its adoption is a nullity. To the third, I answered, that the proviso in the resolution referred to makes it necessary for the constitution, as adopted, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article ten of the by-laws of that body. If the

form of constitution which was referred to the Grand Lodge of New York were submitted to that Grand Lodge at its November session, and adopted with or without amendment, the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States is a pre-requisite to its going into operation. Although by a general resolution an amended constitution operates at once upon the body adopting it, and continues in force subject only to the veto power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet in the case referred to, in which there has been legislation of a very special character, the phrase employed in the resolution, and the spirit pervading it, both point clearly to the positive necessity of having the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its becoming binding and operative.

In so answering, I requested that I should be considered as confining myself thus far to the abstract propositions submitted. This request I was induced to make in consequence of the distinctive shapes in which the respective inquiries were presented.

Inasmuch, however, as certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, were given in the communication referred to, I carefully examined them, and came to the conclusion that the said form of constitution, as referred by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York, had been taken up, amended and acted upon by the latter body, within the meaning of the resolution of the former Grand Lodge, directing the same. Thus impressed, on the 27th of the same month I addressed an official communication to the said Grand Master, apprising him of my opinion on the statement submitted, and reminding him of his duty to see that the said form, so amended, was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, pursuant to the tenth article of the by-laws of the latter body, and when so approved, it would be binding as the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but not before such approval was had.

From the very special legislation invoked in this case, it was apparent to my mind that the Grand Lodge of the United States intended that the said constitution, if adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, should be approved by the former body in order to its becoming operative. Differing in its origin, the means pointed out for its adoption, also in some respects in principle, and in a number of its broad features, from other State Lodge constitutions, it can hardly be supposed that it was amenable to the same construction of the said by-law. If the form as approved by this body after it was purged of some of its objectionable provisions, had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, there would have been no necessity for its second submission to the scrutiny of the power designated in the by-law. In that event the purpose of so submitting it would have been answered before its adoption, the Committee on Constitutions having put it in an acceptable shape. This, no doubt, was the view entertained by the Committee of Appeals, of the last session, when, in their report upon this interesting and perplexing subject, they said, "let the reported constitution (except so much as may be

stricken out by this Grand Lodge) be referred to the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, for consideration, and let the amending clause of the old constitution be restored as it stood before it was stricken out—further, let the old constitution be declared the organic law of the State until the November session. If, at that time, the proposed constitution be adopted, *of course* it will become the law of the Order, but if rejected, the old constitution will continue in force, giving them, however, an opportunity for its further amendment, according to its provisions." If the view so expressed be correct, the adoption by the Grand Lodge of New York of the form as sifted by this Grand Lodge, would have made that form immediately operative, because of the absence of all necessity to subject such an instrument to two examinations when one was adequate. But if not adopted, and the old constitution were continued in force, then "the opportunity for further amendment" would be allowed according to its provisions. The object of the by-law doubtless was to see that the constitutions of Grand Lodges should have nothing contained in them repugnant to rule and usage. That object being accomplished, the force of the by-law is spent upon that instrument, whether it has been applied as in this special case or in the usual mode, and it could scarcely be imagined that a document thus approved, and sent down to a State Grand Lodge, could be recognized as of the same efficiency if amended subsequently as if preserved in the shape in which it was sent from the higher power.

Yet, notwithstanding this supposed effect of the adoption of the specific thing by the Grand Lodge of New York, it was deemed advisable by the Grand Lodge of the United States to amend said resolution, (which was done with a unanimous vote,) by adding, "Provided, however, that the constitution, as adopted, be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article ten of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

The passage of this amendment was surely not without a purpose. It enforced, it seems to me, the necessity of a further reference of the said form of constitution, after its adoption by the Grand Lodge of New York, and made it imperative on the same to procure the approval contemplated by the by-law alluded to. If such approval were not a pre-requisite to its becoming operative, why was this express and peremptory order made? The by-law was in force, and the entire brotherhood was presumed to be acquainted with it, and yet it was deemed proper specially to fasten it upon the attention of the New York Grand Lodge. At this time the particular construction before referred to had been accepted, and yet, with the entire matter before the Grand Lodge—a matter which attracted the earnest and anxious attention, and elicited an animated discussion, and with a desire universally manifested clearly and distinctly to express the sense of that body to the authority in New York, there is no reference to the said construction, which, from its then recent adoption, was yet fresh in the recollection of the members thus engaged. If that construction of the said by-law had been meant to

apply to this case, it would surely have been so stated by the able Committee of Appeals, in their report; and if unintentionally omitted, the keen and active attention of this Grand Lodge, awake as it was to the importance of this matter, would have supplied the omission. The failure on the part of the said committee and this body both to refer in any manner to it, allows the conclusion that this case was not meant to be within its operation.

How far a view like this may have gone in assistance of the unanimous consent which was subsequently given to the chairman of the said Committee of Appeals to insert, after the word "reject," the words "or amend and adopt," it is impossible to determine; it cannot, however, be presumed, after that form of constitution had had certain offensive features extirpated by the skilful hands of the Committee on Constitutions, and been adopted by this body, that it would be allowable to submit the same to the Grand Lodge of New York, with power to change the same at pleasure, and thus make an entirely new and different instrument from that approved by this body in advance of the action of that State Grand Lodge upon it. I cannot believe that such a privilege was ever contemplated. It could not have been intended that the action of this Grand Lodge, after so much anxious deliberation upon the subject, could be so easily disposed of and set aside, and that, too, by an inferior power.

The entire directions of the resolution must be obeyed, and not such portions merely of the same as the lodge may see fit to follow. By the terms employed, the said form of constitution, if adopted, should be forwarded for the approval of this body; and this express direction, in my opinion, was as imperative as any other contained in the said resolution. Entertaining such sentiments upon this branch of this subject, I at once communicated them to the Grand Master of New York, who, in a becoming spirit, took such steps as his judgment suggested in the emergency which had arisen: one of which was the issuing of a proclamation to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge over which he presided, in conformity to my said official communication to him.

But from this decision it pleased some of the fraternity of New York to dissent.

Letter after letter was received by me in complaint of my opinion on the subject, and much argument was employed to shake me in the position I had taken, but discovering no reason why it should not be maintained, it was my duty to remain unmoved. Applications were then made to me by a number of brethren personally for the calling of a special session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and communications from a large number of the Subordinate Lodges in the State of New York followed, all urging the same as the only means of settling the question in a satisfactory way, and of saving the Order in that jurisdiction from further discord, distraction and ruin. To these appeals to my sound discretion, it was but proper that I should give, as I did, the most deliberate attention. The power of calling a special session has never yet been exercised by a

Grand Sire, although it is clearly within his reach, and should be used with no little caution; still if an emergency demanding it should arise, there should be no hesitancy in exercising it—that emergency had not presented itself. It is true there was discord in a State jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction a large one, still there can be no difference, in the estimation of the Grand Sire, between a large and a small jurisdiction. State Grand Lodges are protected and guarded with the same care, whether some have over and others less than a hundred subordinates, and if to avert threatened distraction in a large State a special session of this body should be called, it should also be called if a small State were similarly disturbed. Besides this objection, I could not be induced to think that in the event of such a call in midwinter, that the representatives would fully respond, and if willing to respond, it was far from apparent to me that I would be justified in making it at that time.

But, aside from these considerations, there was another, which was not without its due weight.

By the fourth article of the constitution of this body it is declared that “during the recess of this Grand Lodge, he (the Grand Sire) shall have a general superintendence over the interests of the Order.” He is also required “to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge without respect to lodges or individuals,” and to “make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings in relation thereto.” Under the authority thus given he is doubtless expected and bound in his official capacity to meet such questions as may be presented with such lights in the construction of usages or written laws as are afforded by precedents already set, and that reason which results from a careful and thorough examination of the subject submitted to his investigation and decision. He should not shrink from any responsibility imposed upon the office to which he has been elevated, but should be ready to meet it at any personal cost and risk to himself, taking care at all times to be influenced by no motive save such as should be conscientiously indulged. Any effort or attempt to evade that responsibility where it should, in the regular operation of the rules of our institution, devolve upon that officer, and by temporizing to escape from a position where some offence might be given, is unworthy such an incumbent, and would deservedly invite the severest criticism and animadversion. Believing the power of deciding the question to be vested in the office which I have the honor of filling, and confident that its exercise was expected at my hands, I determined to yield to the dictates of my judgment, and to continue the investigation without any effort on my part to reassemble this Grand Lodge in special session. Convinced, however, as I was, that the view I entertained of the law of the case was correct, I nevertheless, in a sincere desire to adjust the entire controversy in as effectual a manner as it could be accomplished, and entertaining for my own opinion, although maturely formed after the most thorough and deliberate examination of the subject, no tenacity that should not yield to the force of additional and more enlightened argument, I deter-

mined to call to my assistance such aid as might remove any misimpression I might have received, and guide me to a sound conclusion in case I had erred. Although unwilling to resile from any legitimate duty yet I was not disposed to refuse such help as I could invite in its discharge. Feeling upon this subject an anxiety of no ordinary character, and cherishing the hope that it could be settled and disposed of in consonance with that justice which should ever be our admiration and an unshakable bond of union alike, I resolved upon the issuing of a commission for the purpose of ascertaining the whole facts in the case, and to report to me the same as well as the law that was applicable to them.

This resort, calculated, as I believed it to be, to show my extreme and sincere solicitude to investigate the matter as fully as it could possibly be done, and thereby to attract and ensure an unmurmuring acquiescence on the part of the entire brotherhood in immediate interest in the decision which might thus result, at the same time presented to my mind the most active and efficient means that could be devised of grasping that matter in its admitted entirety.

Regarding, as I was permitted to do, a commission as the most convenient and safe means of answering the ends referred to, and relying upon the sense of duty of my brethren in New York, whose first lesson in Odd-Fellowship was obedience to the constituted authorities in our institution, whose intelligence I had every reason to think would enable them to see that a spirit of insubordination should not be indulged and could not be allowed, and whose patience under any supposed wrongs would cause them rather to bear the ills they felt than fly to others which would, if unchecked, involve themselves and our brotherhood generally in one common ruin, I selected for the commission five enlightened, distinguished and discriminating brethren, resident not distant from the State of New York, for the purposes to which I have referred. In doing so, I had no inclination, nor had I the constitutional power, to send the matter of their inquiry to their decision. They were to report the facts as they might be unfolded and the law they believed to be applicable to them, the ultimate decision, with its responsibility, was to continue with the Grand Sire, where it rested under the constitution. They were to interfere with no right enjoyed by the parties in dispute but only to assist in its ascertainment in order that it might be fully, authoritatively and effectively asserted.

The appointment of a commission, in my judgment, is not incompatible with any constitutional provision, nor is it forbidden by any known usage or rule, but, on the contrary, has been recognized by this Grand Lodge, at its session of 1845. At that session the then Grand Sire, in his annual report, says, "for the purpose of adjusting and settling the accounts of District Deputy Grand Sire Churchill with this Grand Lodge, I issued a commission, appointing Grand Master Pratt and Grand Representative Smith, of Maine, commissioners for that purpose. Their report will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary." The said report was so laid before the Grand

Lodge, referred to the Committee of Finance, and the entire subject disposed of subsequently, without any objection from any source, to the exercise of such a power by the Grand Sire.

The brethren whom I had the honor of selecting for this delicate and laborious duty, with a promptitude worthy of all commendation, repaired to the city of New York, and organized on the 17th of January last, for the performance of the trust with which they were charged.

In the discharge of the objects of their meeting, the commissioners were much delayed and embarrassed by the extraordinary position which it pleased the then Grand Secretary to assume. Grasping a prerogative which, in no view of the power of such an officer, could be exercised by him, he asserted the adoption of "a new constitution" by the Grand Lodge of New York, and urged that the commissioners claimed an authority to which they never pretended, and with which, he must have been aware, if he had read a copy of the commission of which he acknowledged he had been put in possession, they had never been charged. True to his fixed notions of his own duty, that officer withheld from the commissioners whatever information he possessed, when he must have known that his exhibition of the books, papers, &c. in his official custody would have much facilitated their labors. By reason of the necessity thus imposed upon them, they were obliged, in the fulfilment of the purposes of their assembling, to seek evidence from other sources, and in doing so, whatever information was within the reach of the Grand Master was promptly afforded by that officer, whose testimony, with that of a number of other members of that Grand Lodge, was taken and reduced to writing, and with the same and such documentary evidence as was discovered and produced, the commissioners were enabled to carry on their labors and conduct them to a conclusion, after several days of unbroken attention and intense application.

On the 9th of March last, after having given to the matter submitted to their investigation, the most elaborate and anxious examination and deliberate consideration, the said commissioners made their return, and gave explicit and categorical answers to the questions that were propounded to them. In answer to one of the inquiries they expressed their unanimous opinion that the form of constitution acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York, at November session, 1847, was not the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States; but, on the contrary, they are of opinion that the document passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States was not before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, even without the sanction of authentication.

Submitting the said report to the test of my own examination, with a deliberation consistent with the important developments it contained, I found the result set forth in it supported by the facts detailed

therein, and the argument based upon these facts of the most logical and conclusive character. It was obvious that the form of constitution specially referred to in the resolution of this body, and directed to be taken up and acted upon at a specified time by the Grand Lodge of New York, had not been before that Grand Lodge, but something else was substituted in its stead. The peremptory resolution had not been complied with, but had been utterly neglected, and a labored effort had been made to set the record right, although the facts which that record purported to embody had never occurred.

In this view, the course prescribed for me was plain, and could not be mistaken. The Grand Sire is bound "to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, without respect to lodges or individuals." The resolution reported by the Committee of Appeals had become a law of this body, and it was imperative upon me to enforce it. The New York Grand Lodge was directed to take up a particular form of constitution at a given session—at that session it failed to do so. The time for doing so having passed with the November session, it was gone, and could not be revived but with the consent of this body. Disobeying the obvious and intelligible provisions of that law, no benefit could be claimed by those in contempt. The Grand Lodge of New York was composed of a large number of members, but that fact afforded no reason why she should not comply with the peremptory directions of a superior authority. Her subordinates gladdened almost every village within her wide spread jurisdiction, and, other considerations aside, she was respectable from her age in the Order; but these evidences of prosperity and memorials of the enterprise of those who, in earlier years, had lent their most active endeavors to the promulgation of the virtues of our institution, only served as additional incentives to that official action on my part which looked to the enforcement of law in the most prompt and effective way, irrespective of the number of Subordinate "Lodges" which recognized her control, or the "individuals" whose wisdom and zeal may have contributed to the strengthening of the bonds of our fraternity in that State, and whose knowledge of the general effects of insubordination I could not but believe would hold them to their known duty, even if all other considerations should fail. Acquiescing in the conclusion of the commissioners upon the inquiry, whether the said form of constitution had been taken up and acted upon according to the provisions of the law referred to, it became altogether unnecessary for me to look into the answers to the other inquiries.

Fixed in my own conclusion upon this subject, under a high and unyielding sense of duty, on the 28th of March last, I announced to Bro. Joseph R. Taylor, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, that in as much as the peremptory directions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in reference to the said form of constitution, had been by the Grand Lodge of New York entirely disobeyed, it devolved upon me to officially inform him that the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was in force

prior to August, 1846, was still the fundamental law of that body. In this decision, that officer, in a spirit comporting with his manifold obligations to our institution, yielded a prompt and full acquiescence, and with an energy worthy the most triumphant success, toiled to uphold the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as exercised by the Grand Sire in the recess, under the constitution of that supreme tribunal in Odd-Fellowship.

But notwithstanding his incessant and untiring assiduity in this behalf, the spirit of discontent and dissatisfaction, which had been aroused, instead of being subdued, was increased. Many of the brethren who were disaffected by the decision of the Grand Sire, instead of submitting to his authority for a time, in the sure belief which they, in common with the brotherhood at large, can indulge, that if any errors are committed by that functionary in the recess, they can and invariably will be corrected by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, so soon as his "acts and doings" are subjected to scrutiny and consideration, boldly ventured upon the assumption that their adversary position was in consonance with law, set the authority of that officer at defiance, and rushing to a ground which never previously had been occupied, denied his power to interfere or direct in the premises.

In this extremity, the Grand Lodge of New York, alive to the necessity of vigorous measures to vindicate the assailed law and the authority by which it was interpreted and attempted to be enforced, promptly asserted her power, and by the relieving operation of her penal code, continued in an attitude of respect and obedience to the constituted authority of our institution.

In the mean time some of those who denied the right of the Grand Sire to act in the matter, asserted that the form of constitution referred to in the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, and should at once go into operation. In the maintenance of such extraordinary and mistaken views, they organized themselves into forms and shapes unknown to the usages and rules of our institution, and still continue their distinctive organizations in open hostility to, and defiance of the authority of the Grand Lodge of New York, and that by which she has been sustained.

The Grand Encampment of New York has also been subjected to a severe trial. The disaffection which shook the Grand Lodge of New York was extended to the patriarchal condition of our institution in that State. But the steadfast determination of the Grand Patriarch of that body, who was energetically assisted by the Grand Scribe, saved that encampment from disruption and ruin, and, at the same time, vindicated the authority of her constitution and laws.

It is unnecessary to repeat that the subject matter of which I have just treated has commanded from me and received much anxious thought, and the most thorough and deliberate investigation and consideration, and I now submit my "acts and doings" in reference to the same, to that wisdom, discretion and power which can and surely

will detect and rectify error if it has been committed, and maintain at all hazards the dignity, the authority and the integrity of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The return of the Commission is hereunto annexed and respectfully made part of this report.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

I have the honor to be yours,

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire*.

To HORN R. KNEASS, *M. W. G. Sire*

of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States.

The undersigned, appointed by your commission to them directed, dated December 29, 1847, a copy of which is annexed, respectfully report:

That in discharge of the duty assigned to them, they assembled in the city of New York, on the 17th January, 1848, and organized at their chamber in the American House, by the appointment of Howell Hopkins as President, and Wm. R. Smith as Secretary, *pro tem.*; whereupon, they proceeded without delay to execute the commission with which they were charged: for a detailed account of which they refer to Document A, accompanying this report, which they ask to be taken and considered as a part of the same.

Upon a review of Document A, the Grand Sire will perceive that the first step taken by the undersigned in the investigation submitted to them, in conformity with the special directions of the commission, was "to inquire into the details of the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, in relation to the form of constitution alleged to have been submitted to that body; also, whether the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and authenticated by the officers of the same, was formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, and if so submitted, whether the said form of constitution was amended and adopted in conformity to the directions of the Grand Lodge of the United States." In order to a proper investigation of this inquiry application was made to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the State for authenticated copies of the manuscript journal of November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, touching the action of that body upon the so-called new constitution. The answer of Grand Master Taylor and the note of Grand Secretary Treadwell to this application, copies of which form a part of the accompanying Document A, will put the Grand Sire in possession of the respective views of duty and subordination entertained by those officers; of the grounds upon which the Commission was denied access to the manuscript records of the November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of New York, and of the reasons which compelled that body to the necessity of consulting such other sources of information as in their judgment would afford the next best evidence upon the subject to be investigated. Accordingly the Com-

mission proceeded to consider the printed journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, and to hear parole testimony concerning the legislative history of the constitution, alleged to have been adopted by that body, the detail of which appears in accompanying Document A, and to which the Grand Sire is respectfully referred.

In support of the conclusion to which the undersigned have arrived upon the first inquiry submitted by the Grand Sire, they propose to confine themselves exclusively, for the present, to the printed journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, without reference to the parole testimony admitted. This course is adopted, first, because one of the parties to the controversy in New York decided to be absent from the sittings of the Commission after due notice, having thus waived the right of objection to such testimony upon the ground of its *ex parte* character, yet the fact of such absence, although voluntary, influenced the Commission not to rely upon the parole evidence in their report. Secondly, because, as it will appear from the accompanying Document A, the necessity which led to the admission of parole testimony having been removed by the production of the manuscript journal of the proceedings in question, the undersigned are bound alike by the plain rules of evidence and propriety to confine themselves to the journals, printed and manuscript, both of which are herewith submitted. The parole testimony is presented, therefore, simply as a proceeding of the Commission rendered necessary at the time and by the circumstances in which they were placed. Upon a comparison of the manuscript with the printed journal it will be found that the two agree in the narrative of the proceeding, from page 268 to 281 of the latter. At this point a sheet of the manuscript is missing, embracing the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle, and the reference to the appended constitution. From page 302, printed journal, the manuscript is complete to the end of the session, to which, in the sequel, the undersigned propose to invite the attention of the Grand Sire, as exhibiting a state of facts in relation to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, which cannot fail to solve the question as to the true organic law of the State, independently of all other questions.

In submitting their opinion upon the enquiry under consideration, the undersigned present the printed and manuscript journal of the Grand Lodge of New York, as "the detail of the action of that body at its November session, 1847, and from these documents reach the conclusion unanimously, that the form of constitution acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York, at November session, 1847, was not the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States;" but on the contrary, they are of opinion, that the document passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States was not before the Grand

Lodge of the State of New York, even without the sanction of authentication.

It is deemed unnecessary to enter into any argument to shew that no form of constitution authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States was ever before the Grand Lodge of New York, since the document upon the printed record of the proceedings of that body makes no pretension to official authenticity—no part of the journal exhibits such evidence, and the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle, introducing the document, qualifies it, *as an amended form* of that which was passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States. It could not, therefore, if an amended form of the instrument as it came from the hands of the Committee on Constitutions, by possibility have been authenticated as a copy of such instrument. Dismissing, therefore, all claim to authenticity on the part of the constitution accompanying the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle, the undersigned propose to examine the subject in the aspect usually given to it, to wit: whether, if not presented as the authenticated form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the document considered, acted upon and alleged to have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York was *substantially* the same, and sufficiently conformed to the law of the case, to relieve it from objections arising out of material irregularities in the procedure. This view of the subject appears to the undersigned worthy the consideration of the Grand Sire, for although it may be conceded, that the formal authentication of a document conferring special powers is an important requisite in courts of law, yet we are free to say, that the mere absence of such authentication ought not to operate to overthrow the legislation of a State Grand Lodge upon so important a subject as organic law, provided such legislation conformed *substantially*, and in good faith to the law of the case under which it was exercised. The tribunals in Odd-Fellowship should the rather decide "*ex equo et bono*" than by the strict rule and principles of the law.

In looking at the question presented in this aspect, it will be necessary, desirous as the undersigned are to condense this report, even at the risk of prolixity to refer to the history of the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises, that a just conception may be had of the position occupied by the Grand Lodge of New York and its true relation to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the matter of amending its constitutional law. The able report of the Committee on Appeals with the accompanying resolutions, and the report of the Committee on Constitutions, as respectively adopted by the supreme body, comprehend the entire law of the case: the resolutions of the former are in the following words:

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, is now the fundamental law of the said Grand Lodge; and that article six, section one, of the said constitution, which was stricken out, be and hereby is restored and declared in full force and effect, except so far as is reserved in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York; and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action in pursuance of article six, section one, of its constitution; provided, however, that the constitution as adopted be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article ten of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The form of constitution referred to in the second resolution, as above set forth, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions for examination; that committee reported at length, page 512 journal, vol. 2, recognizing the form so submitted to them as free from objection, except in certain particulars, which they directed to be stricken out as in contravention of the laws of the Order. In this report, the Grand Lodge concurred. It will thus appear that the Grand Lodge of New York at the opening of its November session, 1847, was governed by a particular code of laws, to wit: the constitution in force prior to August, 1846, with article six, section one, restored—the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Appeals and the report of the Committee on Constitutions. What privileges and powers do these laws confer upon the Grand Lodge of New York? They relieve that body from the disability under which it was laboring in relation to the alteration and amendment of its constitution; they give permission to it to consider a certain form of constitution, to wit, that reported by the convention—this permission is *ipsissima verba* confined to the constitution passed upon by the Committee on Constitutions after critical examination and modification—when *that* instrument was submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, power was conferred to amend it, or without amendment to adopt it, or wholly to reject it—here the privileges conferred, and powers delegated ended—hence it will be perfectly obvious that the permission granted, could not be exercised without the observance of the terms and restraints required by the pre-existing laws. The enquiry now arises, whether this form of constitution, which the superintending power in the legislation above detailed, gave authority to the Grand Lodge of New York to consider and act upon in the manner therein indicated, was taken up and acted upon by that body. The record of proceedings of November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of New York, exhibits the following facts: an abstract from the journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, properly authenticated, detailing the legislation of that body in the premises, and reciting the powers conferred, as contained in the reports of the Committees on Appeals and Constitutions respectively, was read; whereupon a resolution is offered with a constitution appended, as recorded at page 281, printed journal. It is not pretended that the form of constitution so appended to, and introduced by the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle, is *identical* with that prescribed by the pre-existing laws, and specially spoken of in the abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of

the United States, as read by the secretary to the body, then in the act of legislating; on the contrary, as has before been already urged, the resolution of Rep. Dwinnelle itself concedes the want of identity in qualifying the appended document as an amended form of the constitution, passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and invokes its adoption as thus amended. If not identical, then was the dissimilitude which existed a material departure from the particular form authorized to be considered, by the introduction of "new and original matter, at variance with the law of the particular case, or the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the Digest." The undersigned unanimously concur in the opinion that the amendments engrafted upon the form directed to be considered and acted upon, numerous and multifarious as they appear in the instrument now alleged to be the new constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, have given to it a character wholly foreign to the powers conferred, in express contravention of the law of the particular case, and in palpable conflict with the general laws, as they are uniformly acknowledged and contained in the Digest. It is not the design of the commission to consider the many additions or omissions which appear in the so-called new constitution, by which it is readily distinguished from the form passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States—the two forms are herewith presented, that the Grand Sire may make the comparison for himself. It is proposed only to invite your attention to one or two points of dissimilitude between the two of so striking a character as, in our judgment, to prove fatal to the suggestion, that the particular form of constitution, if not *literally*, was *substantially* before the Grand Lodge of New York, and thus by that body considered and adopted. The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the convention constitution for examination, appear to have critically reviewed that instrument, and to have purged it of provisions which were highly objectionable; provisions which claimed for the Grand Lodge of New York powers which exclusively resided in the Grand Lodge of the United States: these objectionable features were contained in section four, article two, in which power was given to the District Grand Committees to sit in the initiatory degree for the purpose of hearing appeals; also, in section five, article 2, conferring power upon the Grand Committee to impart the Grand Lodge degree, which the Committee on Constitutions directed to be stricken out. This report of the Committee on Constitutions was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and forms a part of the law of the particular case: yet, in the face of restraints thus imposed, and recited in the very grant of power under which the Grand Lodge of New York alone could act, the Grand Sire will find that the instrument considered and acted upon by that body contains a provision conferring upon Grand Committees the power to assemble in the *P. N. G.'s* degree.—*Art. 11, Sec. 4.* May a State Grand Lodge thus interfere, ad libitum, with the exclusive power which belongs to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to regulate the work of the Order, by

shifting and diverting the degrees of the Order from the appropriate spheres which the supreme body has assigned to them? nay, may it delegate such power to a subordinate committee? Yet such a feature is contained in the instrument said to be *substantially* the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Again, article one, section four, of the instrument under consideration, provides that a member of the Grand Lodge may be expelled from *his seat in the Grand Lodge* by the Grand Committee. The power of expelling a member from a Grand Lodge, according to the known laws of the Order, resides in the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, and in the Grand Lodge itself alone: in the former by reason of the fact that expulsion from the Order operates also as expulsion from a seat in the Grand Lodge, if the subject be a member of that body: in the latter by virtue of the law of the Digest, which declares "*that a Grand Lodge has power to expel a member from its own body.*"—Page 47, Sec. 9.

Again, in article six, section one: The Grand Master may be summarily removed from office, without trial, by a majority of votes present, "*upon refusal to put the question on an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge.*" If this provision be not at variance with written law, it is clearly against first principles, as recognized throughout every grade of the Order, and subversive of that immunity which the law in its benignity throws around every brother from the moment of his initiation for his protection against oppression. In Odd-Fellowship, in so far as the undersigned are informed, the rule is universal, that charge and specification and trial must precede degradation from office or membership. These provisions are selected from the various new matter which has been added to the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which essentially vary the character of the instrument. Can there, therefore, be a reasonable doubt of the absence of that approximate sameness between the two forms of constitution under consideration, which is necessary at least to preserve a verisimilitude between them? To the undersigned it is quite obvious that the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States was not considered by the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847; but, per contra, that an essentially altered and amended instrument was matured, as the independent and individual act of its authors, and thus submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York. It was, therefore, as distinctive a paper as if it were wholly original, and had not contained a single feature of the special form directed to be considered.

The next inquiry presented in the commission is in the following words: "whether the said form of constitution contains any new matter, at variance with the law of the particular case, or the general laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the Digest?" This question has been unavoidably anticipated in the reference which has been made to the virtual re-insertion in the constitution alleged to have been adopted, of the provision which

authorizes the Grand Committees to meet in the P. N. G.'s degree, being *substantially* matter stricken out by the Committee on Constitutions; also by the reference to the power of expelling members of the Grand Lodge from their seats, conferred upon Grand Committees, and of deposing the Grand Master by a majority vote, without the form of trial.

Upon the subject of the enquiry submitted, "whether the form of constitution is in force (supposing it to be in all other respects in conformity to law) provisionally under the general law of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and whether, embracing and comprehending new and original matter, other than such as was imbodyed in the form authorized, it is not requisite to be submitted again to the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its being operative;" the undersigned express the opinion that if the form of constitution which the supreme body, through its appropriate committees, had perfected and permitted the Grand Lodge of New York to act upon, had been taken up and acted upon, and amended and adopted, or adopted without amendment, that it would have been provisionally in force, under the general law of the last session, there being nothing in the report of the Committee on Appeals to make this an excepted case, and nothing in the introduction of new and original matter, *per se*, which would have vitiated the proceeding, unless such matter, as in the case under consideration, was clearly at variance with the law of the particular case, or the general laws of the Order as contained in the Digest.

Having thus, with as much brevity as the nature of the subject admitted of, reported upon the several enquiries directed to be made by the Commission, the undersigned beg now to invite the attention of the Grand Sire to the history of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, as developed in the manuscript journal of that body of November session, 1847, and as compared with the printed record.

By reference to the printed journal, page 304,* the following record will be found:

"The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the resolution and constitution, *being an amendment to the convention constitution*, as submitted by G. Rep. Dwinnelle, of No. 226, on yesterday, it being the special order for this morning."

The words in italics are an interlineation of the manuscript. See manuscript sheet 21.

Same page printed journal—"Whereupon the Grand Secretary proceeded to read the resolution and constitution *as proposed to be amended.*"

The words in italics are an interlineation of the manuscript. See sheet 21.

Page 307, printed journal—"Whereupon G. Rep. Dwinnelle called for the previous question, [*on his resolution and amendments to the convention constitution.*"]

*These references are to the Journal of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The words in brackets are an addition to the manuscript. See sheet 25.

Page 312, being the record of the final vote:

Printed Journal, page 312.

The resolution and the convention constitution, *as amended*, were therefore declared to be adopted, two-thirds of the votes by Representative of Lodges present having voted in favor thereof.

Page 314, Printed Journal.

Grand Representative Dwinnelle, of No. 226, moved that the vote taken this day on his resolution, *and the convention constitution as amended*, be reconsidered, which motion did not prevail.

Manuscript sheet 30.

The resolution and the amendments to the convention constitution were therefore adopted, two-thirds of the votes by Lodges having voted in favor thereof.

Manuscript sheet 32.

Grand Representative Dwinnelle, of No. 226, moved that the vote taken this day on his resolution, *and amendments to the convention constitution*, be reconsidered, which motion did not prevail.

The Grand Sire will perceive the striking discrepancies which here exist between the manuscript and the printed copy of the journal of November session, 1847. It is not for the undersigned to determine which of the two exhibits a truthful record of the procedure; but if the manuscript be regarded as possessing the higher sanction of law, being the original, of which the print *should be* a literal copy, then, even supposing the form of constitution considered by the Grand Lodge of New York to have been in all respects in strict conformity to the law of the case, duly and formally submitted to that body and acted upon, it does not appear from the manuscript journal that such constitution has yet been finally adopted; the final vote taken was upon the amendments proposed to the constitution, according to the manuscript, and *not upon the constitution as amended*, which latter was the only proper and legitimate final vote. It is true the printed journal records the fact, that the final vote was upon the constitution as amended; but the manuscript, supported by the parole testimony, speaks the reverse.

The Grand Sire, in view of the posture of affairs in the jurisdiction of New York, and the facts as the undersigned have exhibited them, requests the opinion of the Commission upon the law applicable to the same—they therefore have ventured an opinion upon so important a subject, though with diffidence and distrust of their ability to rise to the level of the questions involved.

It has occurred to the undersigned, that the error of the arguments employed in vindication of the so-called new constitution consists first, in an entire misconception of the structure and form of government of the Order, in the consequent assumption of powers, as belonging to the Grand Lodge of New York in the premises, which are not legitimate, and in the denial to the Grand Sire of clear constitutional prerogatives, which are inseparable from his office and the due administration of the laws of the body over which he presides. The undersigned propose to offer very briefly, their views upon these several points, in concluding their opinion of the law applicable to the case.

The form of government of this Republic is frequently held up to view as the mould in which the structure of Odd-Fellowship has been cast, and the relation which the members of these United States bear towards the Federal Government is assumed as the true relation of the local Grand Lodges to the Grand Lodge of the United States. A very cursory examination of the government of our Order will readily dissipate such an opinion. In our political institutions power is inherent and original with the people, who have delegated a certain portion of the same to the Federal Government as embodied in the constitution of the United States, and have reserved to themselves, in the character of sovereign States, all power not positively thus delegated or necessarily implied. The Federal Government may only legitimately exercise the powers granted in the constitution, and any attempt to interfere with the powers reserved by the States for their local and independent government is in violation of the compact, and may of right be resisted. Assuming this theory of government as applicable to Odd-Fellowship, the widest range of argument is indulged in in vindication of the powers and rights of State Grand Lodges. In truth, there is no perfect analogy between the two forms of government, nor indeed, between the form of government of our Order and any other system of government on earth,—the government of Odd-Fellowship is emphatically one *sui generis*. The States in our political system are the original sources of the political power. The general government exists by virtue of delegated grants from them,—they are each sovereign within themselves, restrained only by a constitution, which they as integral members of the union themselves created, the supremacy of which all acknowledge, and which, by their own assent, imposes limits to the legislation of each, which none may claim a right to pass. These checks are few in number and well defined; but how is it in the government of Odd-Fellowship:—we find first, all power resident in Washington Lodge, No. 1, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America,—this surrendered to another body styled “the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States,” from which body the original depository of power accepts a *charter as a subordinate* to it. This Grand Body, in turn, surrenders its powers thus derived from the fountain head, to the present Grand Lodge of the United States, from which it also in turn receives a *subordinate charter*. The Grand Lodge of the United States, thus constituted, avows itself “to be the fountain of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship, with exclusive power to create Grand and Subordinate Lodges in any part of the world, *delegating to such bodies so much of its authority as it may deem proper.*”—*Digest, page 5, Art. 1, Sec. 2—4.*

From this body each State Grand Lodge has received a charter, which contains *the delegation of so much of its authority as it has thought proper to grant*, as follows: “to hear and determine all and singular matters and things, relating to the Order within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, according to the rules and regula-

tions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. *Provided always, that the said Grand Lodge pays due respect to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the ordinances thereof."*

In the one case, the charter of the Federal Government is derived from the State sovereignties; in the other, the charter of the State Grand Lodge is derived from and defined by the Grand Lodge of the United States. State legislatures may pass laws, regardless of rules of order; they are *in their sphere* omnipotent—*no power can search their records, except to see whether a form imposed by the constitution has been complied with*, and only their own courts may do this, themselves a part of the same sovereignty. The government of the United States cannot examine their local proceedings; the courts of the United States cannot interfere with their domestic policy—while, on the other hand, State Grand Lodges, as chartered bodies, are subject to constant supervision, and their acts and records may at all times be scrutinized by the supreme power—in nothing are they independent, even their own subordinates may appeal for redress of grievance beyond them, to the higher tribunal; they can do nothing beyond the limits of their charters, except by permission implied or express of their creator—no law which they may attempt to pass, in violation of their charter, or the fundamental principles of the Order can operate. It is perfectly clear that while there is similitude in the general features of the government of Odd-Fellowship with our political confederation, there is no perfect analogy, and the sources of power in the two are diametrically opposite. With this marked distinction between the two forms of government, it will be apparent that the power of State Grand Lodges to make constitutions is derivative from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and not original with themselves. If the Grand Lodge of New York had legislated upon the subject of its constitution, in the exercise of original power resident in itself, the argument as to the rights and position of that body, in view of the interference of the Grand Sire, might be justified; but existing wholly as a subordinate body, and acting in the particular case under special authority from the parent body, it is not competent to invoke analogy between the government of Odd-Fellowship and our political institutions to wrest from the superior power its own peculiar constitutional functions; but it may be said, that whilst this theory may be sound in contemplation of the Grand Lodge of the United States itself, it does not authorize the Grand Sire in the recess, to assume functions which belong to the body only, over which he presides. The ready answer to such doctrine will be found in the constitution and the obligations of office imposed upon the Grand Sire—that officer is required, "during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to exercise a general superintendence over the interests of the Order," (*Cons. Art. 2.*) "to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, without respect to lodges or individuals." "*O. B. N.*" of *Grand Sire*—"to make a report at every stated meeting, of his acts and doings in office."—*Cons. Art. 3.* Hence, a very respectable

portion of the laws of the Order, now embodied in the form of a Digest, has for its authority the opinion of the Grand Sire pronounced during the recess, and ratified by the Grand Lodge at the ensuing session, when reported by that officer as "*his acts and doings*"—these opinions have been given by all your predecessors, and have always been provisionally binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States; a case has yet to arise in the Order, in which obedience has been withheld from the decision of the Grand Sire upon any question of law which may have been submitted to him in the recess. An appeal of course must ever be allowed from his decision, but pending which appeal it must be respected. The question of the true organic law in the State of New York, the Grand Sire is perfectly competent to decide: if a new constitution exists, *it can exist alone by virtue of and in conformity to the law of the last session, enacted by the Grand Lodge of the United States*. In the opinion of the undersigned, it is not only your prerogative but your duty to see whether the requisitions of that law have been complied with, since all the power designed to be granted, is dependent upon a strict observance of the forms of the enactment. Before the Grand Lodge of the United States, if in session, could properly confirm the new constitution alleged to have been adopted in New York, its Committee on Constitutions must inquire whether the forms of law have been complied with: if they had been neglected, the instrument would not be respected: if during the recess the Grand Sire is officially advised that the forms of legislation have been trampled upon, he is bound to annul the proceeding; he may call to his aid at any time, the advice and counsel of any of his brethren, and, although he may not delegate any of his powers, or shift his responsibility, may solicit for his judgment the aid of such deliberation, as the experience of others may impart.

Such are the views of the Commission upon the law applicable to the case under consideration, and in concluding this report we beg to say, that in the trying circumstances in which our beloved Order in New York is placed, we trust to the intelligence of that brotherhood and its devotion to the unity of our great and glorious federation, for obedience to the decision of the Executive of the Order in the United States, whatever that decision may be: in the full conviction that the superior tribunal will assuredly set it aside if founded in error, and that to the temporary interruption of their supposed rights, a cheerful submission will be yielded, as an earnest of their sincere attachment to the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
WM. R. SMITH,
E. M. P. WELLS.

March 9, 1848.

DOCUMENT A.

*Accompanying Report of the Commission appointed by Grand Sire
HORN R. KNEASS.*

AMERICAN HOTEL, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
January 17, 1848. }

The undersigned assembled this day, at New York, to wit, Howell Hopkins, James L. Ridgely, Zenas B. Glazier, W. R. Smith and E. M. P. Wells, when the following paper was submitted:

I. O. O. F.

*Office of the Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, }
Philadelphia, December 29th, 1847. }*

The Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge
of the I. O. of O. F. of the United States,

To Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; James L. Ridgely, of Maryland; Zenas B. Glazier, of Delaware; William R. Smith, of Maine; E. M. P. Wells, of Massachusetts—Sends Greeting:

Know Ye, That in confidence of your prudence, zeal, fidelity and ability, I have appointed you, and by these presents do give unto you full power and authority to inquire into the details of the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session of 1847, in relation to the form of constitution alleged to have been submitted to that body; also, whether the form of constitution passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and authenticated by the officers of the same, was formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, and if so submitted, whether the said form of constitution was amended and adopted in conformity to the direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and contains any new matter, at variance with the law of the particular case, or the general law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the "Digest," and whether the said form of constitution is in force (supposing it to be, in all other respects, in conformity to law) provisionally under the general law passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States; or whether, embracing and comprehending entirely new and original matter, other than such as was embodied in the form authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is not requisite that it should be submitted again to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, anterior to its becoming operative, upon the ground that it is confined, in all its bearings, to the special enactment made for it, without reference to the general law referred to, and to report fully and at large to me, at your earliest convenience, the facts as they may be exhibited to you, together with your opinion as to the law applicable to the same.

For the purposes hereinbefore set forth, I hereby respectfully request that you will assemble together, at the city of New York, on the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1848.

Given under my hand,

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

Whereupon, on motion, P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins was called to the chair as President of the Board, and P. G. Rep. William R. Smith requested to act as Secretary pro tem.

On motion, P. G. Benjamin J. Pentz was appointed Secretary of the Board.

The President reported to the Commission that he had, upon the receipt of his appointment from the Grand Sire, transmitted the following communication to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the State of New York:

Dear Sir:—Enclosed is a copy of a Commission this day issued by the Grand Sire, in reference to the matters in your State. You will perceive that the members appointed on the Commission are directed to assemble in the city of New York on the 17th January, 1848. I give you this early notice in order that all may be in readiness at that time. I have no doubt that the several members of the Commission will be in attendance at the time appointed.

Yours in bond, F., L. and T.

H. HOPKINS.

To JOS. R. TAYLOR, G. M., and JOHN G. TREADWELL, G. S.
Philadelphia, Dec. 30, 1847.

On motion, voted that the Commission meet daily at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Hall of the Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the record of the doings of the Commission be read for approval previous to each adjournment.

Ordered, That the meetings of the Commission shall be with closed doors, except when otherwise ordered, but all the testimony, discussions and arguments before the Board shall be in public.

On motion of Commissioner Ridgely,

Resolved, That while the fullest opportunity shall be allowed to the brotherhood to witness the proceedings of this body, it is, nevertheless, their unanimous wish that no publicity through the press shall be given to the same.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock.

(Signed,)

WM. R. SMITH, *Sec. pro tem.*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
12 o'clock, M., January 17, 1848. }

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—P. G. Sire Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Wells, and Smith.

P. G. Benj. J. Pentz acting as Secretary.

On motion of Commissioner Smith, the following order was adopted:

Ordered, That a communication be addressed by the President of this Board to the Grand Lodge of New York, through the Grand Master and Grand Secretary thereof, informing that body that Commissioners appointed by the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to examine into certain facts in relation to the controversy now existing within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of New York, touching the constitution of that body, are now in session, and ready to receive such testimony and hear such arguments as may be submitted to them, and that all interested in the matter under investigation, are requested to appear, by counsel or otherwise, and be heard.

On motion of Commissioner Ridgely, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York be, and they are hereby requested to put the members of this Commission in possession of authenticated copies of the manuscript journal of the Grand Lodge of New York, touching the adoption of a constitution by that body,

at its November session, 1847; to which end the Secretary be, and he is directed to correspond with said officers.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, *Secretary*

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
Tuesday, 11 A. M., January 18, 1848. }

Present—Commissioners Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Smith and Wells. B. J. Pentz, Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In reply to the communications addressed yesterday to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the following were received, to wit, from the Grand Master:

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., President of the Commission appointed by the Grand Sire, Grand Lodge United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I yesterday received a copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners, directed to me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, informing me that the Commission was in session, and ready to receive any testimony relative to the existing difficulties in this jurisdiction, and would state that I am ready to furnish said Commission with all the information in my power relative thereto.

In reply to the second resolution in the proceedings, I would remark, that I am not in possession of any authenticated copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session, in manuscript, relative to the adoption of a constitution; that the Grand Secretary, John G. Treadwell, is in possession of all the manuscript proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and I am under the impression that there is no manuscript copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the November session, except the original minutes, as taken in the Grand Lodge during its session, from which the proceedings are printed, and the proof is examined and corrected by said Grand Secretary.

JOS. R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*

January 18, 1848.

The following communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York:

I. O. of O. F.

Office of the Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, State of N. York, }
CITY OF NEW YORK, Jan. 17, 1848. }

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq., P. Grand Sire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have been put in possession of a document, signed by you as President of a Board of Commissioners, appointed by the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United

States, I. O. of O. F., held in the Grand Lodge Room, National Hall, New York, Monday, January 17, 1848, for the Grand Lodge of New York.

That body adjourned on the 6th of November last, having adopted a new constitution, which went into effect on said adjournment, by which the Grand Lodge can hold no session for business until the annual session to be held on the 3d Monday of August next, except a special session be called by the Grand Master, on forty days' notice to each representative

As a member of the Order, and an officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I cannot, under my obligation to that body, whose agent I am, recognize your body as meeting under sanction of law, to try either myself, the members of, or the Grand Lodge of this State.

Whenever a session of the Grand Lodge of this State shall be held, either annual or special, if one be called as aforesaid, I shall submit your communication to the said Grand Lodge, for such action as it may take in the premises.

I am yours, fraternally,

JOHN G. TREADWELL, *G. Sec'y.*

The following resolution, was offered by Com. Ridgely and unanimously adopted:

A communication addressed to Howell Hopkins, President of this Commission, appointed by the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, having been received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, from which it appears that, that officer "is not in possession of any authenticated copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847, in manuscript, relative to the adoption of a constitution; that the Grand Secretary, John G. Treadwell, is in possession of all the manuscript proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and that he is under the impression that there is no manuscript copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the November session, except the original minutes taken in the Grand Lodge during its session, from which the proceedings were printed, and the proof is examined and corrected by the Grand Secretary." And a communication having also been received addressed to H. Hopkins, P. G. Sire, from John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, State of New York, from which it appears that said officer is wholly silent upon the application made to him by an order of the Commission, asking for authenticated copies of the manuscript journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, touching the adoption of a constitution by that body; which silence is predicated upon the ground, that the said Grand Secretary, "as a member of the Order, and officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, cannot, under his obligations to the body, whose agent he is, recognize the Commission as acting under sanction of law, to try either himself, the members of, or the Grand Lodge of this State;" and it further appearing that the manuscript record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, had at its November session, 1847, if any exist upon the subject above referred to, are not within the reach of this Commission; therefore

Ordered, That the board will proceed to consider the report of the proceedings referring to the subject aforesaid, as they appear in the printed journal of the Grand Lodge of New York, bearing date the third November, 1847, and the examination of parole testimony, as the next best evidence within the reach of the Commission.

G. M. Joseph R. Taylor, of the Grand Lodge of New York, stated that at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, a

committee of five had been appointed to represent it before the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Glazier, the committee were allowed to appear and be heard. P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy acting as counsel.

The examination was then commenced, and G. M. Joseph R. Taylor, of the Grand Lodge of New York, after being obligated in due form, gave in evidence as follows:

Are you Grand Master?

I am.

Did you preside at the November session?

The whole of the first day.

At what time was the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States received and acted upon?

The Grand Lodge proceeded regularly until the time laid down in the Rules of the Grand Lodge for communications to be received, when the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States was read.

Was there a motion for a recess offered by P. G. Wallace?

There was, I think, but was afterwards withdrawn, and a resolution was then offered by G. Rep. Dwinelle, as follows: (see page 281, proceedings November session, Document A.) The resolution was offered in manuscript and re-read by the Grand Secretary.

The examination was here suspended, and a member of the Commission (Wells) objected to any leading question being asked witnesses. When the Commission

Ordered, That in examining witnesses, parties and counsel shall abstain from putting leading questions.

Examination Resumed

Was there any thing appended to the resolution when submitted by Dwinelle?

There was not any thing during the day.

Did you see a copy of the constitution as offered by Dwinelle that day?

I did not until after the recess was ordered, and the Grand Lodge had taken a recess.

What was done at the session at 3 o'clock?

Same as recorded on page 303, proceedings of the November session, Document A.

Were you in the Grand Lodge the next morning, (Thursday)?

I was, and at that time the Grand Secretary proceeded to read the resolution, and the constitution as annexed. (See page 304, proceedings November session, Document A.) I did not stay in the chair during the whole of the session of Thursday.

What was the form of constitution read by the Grand Secretary?

The document as presented in the Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary, it was printed, as if presented the day before.

On page 281, Document A, it appears that P. G. Dwinelle of-

ferred a resolution, is the resolution as printed in the proceedings, a literal copy of the resolution as offered by him in manuscript?

I think it is a counterpart of that resolution, but have not seen it since the session, in manuscript; the resolution was offered by itself, and the copy of the constitution was not introduced at all until the next morning (Thursday.)

Have you any recollection of any enquiry having been propounded to you as to what document was to follow?

There were no questions asked me.

Was there offered at any time any constitution with the resolution? There was not.

If the resolution was offered naked, how came the document purporting to be a constitution before that body?

It was read by the Grand Secretary the next morning, and it came before the Grand Lodge in no other way.

When the Grand Secretary proceeded the next morning to read the document with the resolution, did you object?

I did not object.

Did any member of the Grand Lodge object at that time, by reason of its not being a part of the original resolution?

I am under the impression that no one objected.

Was the paper read by the Grand Secretary next morning printed or written?

A printed copy.

Was any action taken on the resolution?

There had been no action taken upon it at that time, (Wednesday) but it was laid on the table till next morning—the resolution was not stated by me prior to the adjournment on Wednesday.

You have stated that the constitution as considered by the Grand Lodge of the United States was never before you?

No sir, it was not.

Was there any amendment as distinct and separate propositions offered, except that with the resolution?

There were none.

Was there any vote taken separately on any amendment?

Not any.

Was that a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States (Document No. 2) which was read on Wednesday?

It was, except the one read was signed and sealed by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Do you know what form of constitution was passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

Yes, sir, I believe the convention form.

Was that form of constitution ever before the Grand Lodge of New York?

It has never been considered or acted upon, and was never before the body.

P. G. M. Chas. McGowan was then obligated in due form and examined as follows:

Were you in attendance at the November session, 1847?

I came in after the introduction of new members.

Were you present when communications were read?

I was. When the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States was read, P. G. Wallace moved an adjournment for, I believe, an hour, and called the previous question. I then asked if it was the intention to force that constitution through that afternoon—he said it was. I asked for a copy of the constitution when Wallace withdrew his motion for a recess, and Dwinelle offered a resolution—it was in manuscript.

Was anything said about furnishing members with copies of the constitution?

P. G. Barnard said they could be had after the recess of the Grand Lodge. No committee had ever been appointed, nor any Grand officer ever had the constitution to act upon, in any shape or form. The resolution was offered by Dwinelle. There was no constitution offered at that time, and the Grand Lodge then took a recess.

Were you present at 3 o'clock, of Wednesday?

I was not.

Were you present when the resolution of Dwinelle came up, and was acted upon?

I was; and the Grand Secretary read the resolution, and continued on reading the constitution.

What action was had by the Grand Lodge?

During the reading of the document, several motions were made to dispense with the reading, &c. I asked for a copy of the constitution as prepared by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Grand Master asked the Grand Secretary for a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The secretary replied he had none. Dwinelle then called for the previous question. The chair decided as recorded on page 308, Document A, except that the chair also added, "as it came from the Grand Lodge of the United States."

When the vote was about to be taken by yeas and nays, how did you vote?

My name being first on the roll, it was first called, and I voted under protest.

Was the protest required to be read?

It was, and read, and so voted under by myself and others.

Is that protest the same as recorded on page 313, (Document A?)

It appears to be.

Did all voting in the negative vote under protest?

They did.

What was the decision of the chair when announcing the result?

I don't recollect distinctly, but think it was that the resolution offered by Dwinelle was adopted.

Did the chair announce that the constitution having received a two-third vote was declared to be adopted?

He did not, to my recollection.

What action was taken by the members voting in the negative?

They withdrew from the room and took no other part in the proceedings.

Were you in the room when the resolution was offered by Dwinelle, and was there any other document with it?

There was not. The resolution was on the part of a sheet of paper, and unaccompanied by any other document.

Were you present when Dwinelle voted under protest, and was any action taken in relation thereto?

No action was taken by the body in relation thereto, as it was looked upon as a burlesque.

Have you any knowledge of the particular form of constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

None, except what I knew from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Was that particular form ever submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York?

It never was to my knowledge.

On motion, the Commission then adjourned to 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, Sec.

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
Wednesday, 10 A. M., Jan. 19, 1848. }

Present—Commissioners Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Smith and Wells. B. J. Pentz, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The examination of witnesses was then resumed, and the following named brethren, after being obligated in due form, testified as follows: P. G. M. Joseph D. Stewart—

Were you present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3d Nov.?

I was not.

Were you on Thursday, the 4th November?

I was not.

At the opening?

No, sir.

What time did you arrive?

About 12 o'clock.

What was doing at that time?

P. G. Dwinelle was reading what was called a consutation; he was assisting the Grand Secretary.

Who was in the chair?

Grand Master Taylor.

Did he retain the chair?

He did not; he called me to the chair about five minutes after I came into the room.

After the document or constitution had been read, what was the first proceeding, do you recollect?

P. G. Barnard offered a resolution.

Was the form of motion as recorded on page 307, Document A, the form in which he presented his motion?

Have no recollection of hearing Barnard, in making the motion, make use of the words, "the convention constitution," and I heard distinctly what he said.

After amendments were offered by P. G. Kennedy and Dwinelle called for the previous question, did McGowan ask the chair what was the previous question?

I decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Did you really understand that the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was before the body?

I supposed it was before the body, as I had not attended the meeting on Wednesday, and did not think any other form could be before them, and accordingly so decided.

Was there then a call made by any member for the production of a copy of the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

There was; and I asked the Grand Secretary for the convention constitution as amended; he answered, "I have not got it, and know nothing about it." The answer was made immediately. He had told me previous to the meeting, "that he had it."

Do I understand that, previous to the meeting, you had heard the Grand Secretary of New York say that the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was in his possession?

He said he had it, and it was in the iron safe, all right. This was said in the Grand Secretary's office.

When Dwinelle called the previous question, did you understand what it applied to?

I did.

When you decided as on page 308, Document A, did you not know that other amendments had been offered?

I did not.

Did you understand that the constitution was a part of the resolution as offered by Dwinelle?

I did.

Is that form as recorded on page 308, Document A, as you decided?

It is not full, as there should be added, "as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Was your decision reversed by the Grand Lodge?

It was, and the question then recurred upon the resolution of Dwinelle.

Is the decision as recorded on page 312, Document A, as you made it?

It is not; my decision was the resolution was adopted.

Was there any altercation between you and Dwinelle upon the subject?

There was some conversation between us; he desired me to make a different decision, but I said the resolution was adopted.

When the Grand Lodge reversed your decision on the appeal, what did you say?

I said, shall the main question now be put, and the question was taken without being stated by the chair.

Did this conclude the voting, and comprehend the entire subject?

Yes, sir, it was the final vote; no language as recorded on page 310, Document A, was used by me.

You say the proceedings as recorded on page 312, Document A, were not correct?

They are not, as I considered the resolution was the only thing adopted.

Was there a proposition put to the body as to the adoption of a constitution by itself?

No, sir, not by me, or to my knowledge.

Were you in the chair when there were any amendments offered?

Yes, sir, by P. G. Kennedy, but by no other person.

Was there any vote taken on any amendment to the constitution?

Not to my knowledge.

Did any other person offer any amendments?

None other than Kennedy.

Who next got the floor after Kennedy?

Dwinelle.

After he had the floor, what did he do?

He called for the previous question.

On what?

On his resolution.

Were there any amendments adopted or offered except the one offered by Kennedy?

There was not, there was no chance for any amendments.

Was there a protest offered?

There was.

Did all the minority vote under protest?

I believe they all did.

Is the protest as printed the one voted under?

It appears to be.

Does it embrace all your views upon the subject therein referred to?

It does, or I should not have signed it.

Does the protest correctly recite the decision you made?

I think it does.

Examination of P. G. M. D. Charter:

While you were present on Wednesday, was there any thing but the resolution of Dwinelle offered?

No, sir.

Was there any amendments offered?

Yes.

By whom?

P. G. Kennedy?

Were there any amendments adopted?

None. I was in the room when the previous question was called.

Who called for it?

P. G. Dwinelle.

What did he say?

For the purpose of cutting off debate, he said he would call for the previous question on his resolution.

Did he say anything but upon his resolution?

He did not.

Were you present when P. G. Stewart made his decision. What did he say?

That the resolution was adopted.

When Stewart put the main question, what did he say?

I think he said, "the secretary will call the roll." The record is not correct on page 310, Document A, as the chair did not put the question in that manner.

After the vote had been taken, did the chair announce that the resolution and constitution was adopted?

No, he did not.

What did the chair say?

That the resolution was adopted by a two-third vote, having voted in its favor.

P. G. W. S. McLaughlin examined:

Were you in the Grand Lodge on Thursday, the second day of the November session?

I was.

Were you present when the constitution was being read?

I was.

Were you present when the previous question was called for by P. G. Dwinelle?

I was.

What occurred?

After Kennedy had stated his amendment, Dwinelle remarked, "to cut off debate, I call for the previous question."

Did he say, on his resolution and constitution?

He did not, he said the same as before stated.

Is the language of the record on page 307, Document A, correct?

It embodies more than Dwinelle uttered.

P. G. Wm. N. Lewis examined:

Were you present on Thursday?

I was about 11 o'clock.

Were you present when the constitution was read?

I was.

Were you present when Kennedy offered his amendments, and when Dwinelle called for the previous question?

I was, and shortly after P. G. Kennedy ceased speaking—Dwinelle got the floor and called for the previous question, did not say any thing else.

Were you any way excited?

I was not, was calm at the time

Did any one ask what the previous question was?

Yes, and P. G. M. Stewart replied that it would bring the vote back upon the constitution as sent down amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Are you confident that the words above stated were made use of by Stewart?

I am positive.

Is the printed proceedings as recorded on page 308, Document A, correct or not?

No, sir, it is not as the decision was given by Stewart.

Were you present when the result of the final vote was announced, and who was in the chair?

P. G. Stewart, and he said the resolution was adopted.

Was the annunciation made by Stewart, or any other person as recorded on page 312, Document A?

No sir.

Did any other person make such announcement after Stewart left the chair?

Stewart did not, nor any other person—and I was in the room some twenty minutes after the result was announced.

G. M. Jos. R. Taylor's examination resumed:

Are you sure that the document set forth in the printed proceedings, page 281, Document A, is the same without alteration, as that offered for the adoption of that body, as if appended to G. Rep. Dwinnelle's resolution, page 81?

I believe it to be the same, but it did not come before the Grand Lodge until Thursday morning.

Were the proceedings read on Thursday morning?

They were not, as it was a recess, not an adjournment.

Counsel for the Grand Lodge of New York, enquires whether it will be allowed him to produce in evidence, that informal committees were appointed by the two parties, and that a conference took place. That in said conference when modifications were presented by the minority as a ground of compromise, that they were rejected by the committee representing the majority, without time for examination.

The Commission ruled that it would not be in order to receive such evidence.

Upon the adoption of the constitution by a vote of the Grand Lodge, did you state that the constitution would go into effect at the close of the November session?

The constitution was voted on by the Grand Lodge on Thursday; on Friday a number of resolutions were offered and adopted, relative to the constitution as voted for the day before, a number of questions were asked me, among them one requesting me to appoint deputies for the city; I informed them we were working under the old constitution, the new constitution could not go into operation till the close of the November session.

Is it the usual practice of the Grand Secretary to consult with the presiding officer, when any of the decisions have been made, before the making up of the minutes?

It always has been the practice of the Grand Secretary so to do.

Did the Grand Secretary consult you as to your decisions at the proceedings of the November session, previous to the printing, as was usual?

He did not, and I requested P. G. M. Stewart to see the Grand Secretary, and see that the proceedings of Thursday were correctly recorded.

P. G. McGowan's examination resumed:

Were you present when Kennedy inquired if the constitution was open to amendment, and he proposed amendment?

I was present.

Was there any other offered or acted upon?

No other than the one offered by Kennedy.

Is the record on page 310, Document A, literally correct as announced by the chair?

I understood the chair to say the question was upon the resolution of Dwinelle?

If the record on page 210, Document A, is a faithful transcript, what would have been the vote of the lodge, and upon what?

It would have been on the resolution of Dwinelle and the amendments submitted, if the entire body had unanimously concurred.

If the main question, as on page 310, Document A, was correctly put, what would the lodge decide under it?

They would have decided the resolution and amendments to the convention constitution adopted.

Was there any other vote taken, and was that the final vote?

There was no other vote taken.

Does the record on page 312, Document A, state the proceedings correctly and embody the action of that body?

It does not.

Could the decision recorded on page 312, Document A, by possibility have been made on the question as recorded on page 310?

It could not.

When I signed the protest I did not refer to the time when the original resolution was offered, but the resolution after the constitution had been added the next day.

When Dwinelle offered his resolution, did you notice the concluding part of the resolution?

Not particularly.

When the final vote was taken did the Grand Master state that the constitution would go into effect upon the adjournment of the Grand Lodge?

He did not.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, January 20, at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, Sec'ry.

HALL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, }
Thursday, 10 A. M., January 20, 1848. }

Present—Commissioners Hopkins, presiding, Ridgely, Glazier, Smith and Wells. B. J. Pentz, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Examination of J. D. Stewart resumed.

It appears, at the bottom of page 312, Document A, that you did decide the foregoing adopted, which seems at variance with your testimony as stated to us yesterday—how do you explain this?

I stated yesterday that was not my decision. I presume the manner it is so recorded is because I had no opportunity to see the record, although I made two applications to see the minutes from the Grand Secretary, but he failed to allow me to do so before they were printed, although he had promised, on two applications to allow me to see the proof of the minutes.

Commissioners Ridgely and Smith objected to the admission of the foregoing testimony.

The examination was then closed.

BENJ. J. PENTZ, *Secretary*.

The committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, acting as counsel, then addressed the Board in argument upon the testimony, and submitted the following points in writing. (See Documents A and K.)

The argument being closed, it was

Ordered, That the room should be cleared, and that the Commission would proceed to consider the several matters which they have had under investigation.

Which being done, the doors closed.

The commissioners spent some hours in examining the documents before them, and came to the conclusion unanimously, that,

1st. The form of constitution acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, was not the form of constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, formerly submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection, authenticated by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but, on the contrary, the document passed upon in the Grand Lodge of the United States, was not before the Grand Lodge of New York even without the sanction of authentication.

2d. The form of constitution alleged to have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York contains new matter at variance with the law of the particular case, and the general laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as contained in the Digest.

3d. The form of constitution prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, if it had been in all respects regularly submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, and had been by it adopted, or amended and adopted, would have been provisionally in force, under the general law of the last session.

Whereupon, it was

Ordered, That P. G. Sire H. Hopkins and Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, be a committee to draw up a report to the Grand Sire, expressive of the views

of the Commission, which report when drawn, shall be copied, and a copy sent to each Commissioner for approval before delivery to the Grand Sire.

On motion, the session was then closed.

H. HOPKINS, *Presiding*.

NEW YORK AMERICAN HOTEL, }
January 20, 1848, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

A special meeting of the Commissioners was held by call of the President.

The President stated that since the close of the session he had received a communication from Grand Master Taylor, which he deemed it his duty to submit to the consideration of the Board, and have therefore called them together.

On motion, the communication was read, and is as follows, viz:

[L. S.] *Office of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, }*
State of New York. }

To HOWELL HOPKINS, Esq.,

*President of the Commission appointed by the Grand Sire
of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER—Since I made my communication to you in reply to the proceedings of the Commissioners of Monday last, I have discovered a portion of the original minutes of the November session, 1847, of the Grand Lodge of New York, embracing forty-one sheets, the journal portion being in the hand writing of John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary. The first fifteen pages and the seventeenth page appear to be missing, as also the thirty-first page; in other respects it appears to be complete, and the last page having the signature of John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary.

They are herewith submitted for your use.

Fraternally yours.

JOS. R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master*.

New York, January 20, 1848.

On examination of the manuscript minutes, it appeared to the Board that there were essential differences between the written and the printed minutes, and it was

Ordered, That the committee appointed to make a report have in possession the said manuscript minutes, and use the same in making their report.

On motion, the Board closed.

H. HOPKINS, *Presiding*.

DOCUMENT A. K.

To the M. W. Commissioners, appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now sitting in the hall of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

The undersigned committee of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, respectfully present the following points in justification of those who do not recognize the constitution alleged to have been adopted at the November Session, 1847, by the Grand Lodge of New York, to be in force within this jurisdiction:

1st. The form of constitution prepared by the convention of 1846, has not been officially or formally before the Grand Lodge of New York at any time.

2d. The convention constitution passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States, has never been formally submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York, authenticated by the officers of the said United States' Grand Lodge, for consideration, amendment, adoption or rejection. Nor has such constitution been presented even in an informal manner.

3d. The following resolution, when presented by P. G. Dwinelle, was without any appendage:

Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention held in November, 1846, which was referred to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, except such parts thereof as were then stricken out by said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and hereby is amended and adopted, and declared to be the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and as amended and adopted, it shall read as follows:

4th. The foregoing resolution having been made the special order for Thursday, November 4th, when taken up it had a form of constitution appended to it.

5th. The form of constitution, so appended, was a document having no identity, and but little affinity to the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States. If it were intended as a modification, it contained at least forty-five changes in additions and omissions.

6th. The only form of constitution at any time during the November Session of 1847, which was before the Grand Lodge of New York, was in nearly all the essential features and provisions different from that which was directed to be submitted to said Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

7th. That said form of constitution was not amended or altered by any vote of the Grand Lodge of New York, that but one motion was offered to amend, which was cut off by the previous question.

8th. The constitution alleged to have been adopted, contains new matter at variance with the law of the particular case; and numerous provisions in violation of the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

9th. That the adoption of the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle, if done

in a manner unobjectionable, is in itself inoperative and illegal by embracing the whole authority to amend as well as to adopt a form of constitution. It is also an attempt to accomplish indirectly, what could not be done by any direct and legal method; for amendments are only properly admissible separately, and can be acted upon only in the same manner, whereas the resolution designs to adopt at least forty-five amendments of different character, and in distant portions of the same document by one vote.

10th. That the Grand Lodge of New York did not adopt the constitution alleged to have been adopted at the November Session, 1847, nor did the presiding Grand Master make any annunciation or declaration on any vote taken during said session to that effect.

11th. That if the constitution alleged to have been adopted at the November Session of 1847, has been regularly and legally adopted, then it is not operative as the organic law of this jurisdiction until approved of by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

GEO. H. ANDREWS,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
CHAS. MCGOWAN,
A. McARTHUR,

Committee in behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, the report was referred to a select committee for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The chair named P. G. Sire Kennedy, Reps. Moffett, of Missouri, and Tewksbury, of Maryland, as the committee.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, moved that one thousand extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report be printed for the use of the Representatives, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, P. G. Rep. McCauley, of Maryland, was admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sire Glazier submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That article xxi, page 50, Digest Laws, be amended by inserting the words "or revived" after "new" in the fourth line.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of last session.

The chair named Reps. Spooner, of Ohio, Cole, of Massachusetts, and Allen, of Pennsylvania, as the committee.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, submitted the following, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at its last session, in August last, did expel Arwamus Lodge, No. 37, one of her subordinates—and whereas the said subordinate has delivered up its effects, as appears by the receipt of the Grand

Master of New Jersey, and desires to appeal from the decision made by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in her case: therefore,

Resolved, That the appeal of Arwamus Lodge, No. 37, of the jurisdiction of New Jersey, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, be received and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of so amending the form of Funeral Regalia as to add thereto a white apron.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider the expediency of restoring the three months term for subordinates.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on his motion, ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS, by the established custom and usage, and by the laws of this Grand Lodge, it is required of Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges and Past Patriarchs of Subordinate Encampments of states, territories and districts, on making application for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charter, to, with their petition, present a form of constitution or code of laws for their government, for the consideration, action on, and approval of, this body. And whereas this Grand Lodge, as the supreme legislative and judicial head of the Order, possesses the power and authority to so amend and alter the said constitutions so submitted, so that they shall conform to her own laws and decisions. And whereas, after having passed upon and considered the original constitution of a body chartered by this Grand Lodge, she possesses and holds no other authority, power or control over the laws, legislation or acts of the said Grand Bodies other than in a judicial capacity, and can only so exercise such authority by regular appeal from members or subordinate departments of the said Grand Lodges and Encampments; therefore be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That it is required of Past Grands and Past Patriarchs on making application to this Grand Lodge for a Grand Charter, to submit a form of constitution or code of laws previously agreed upon and adopted by themselves for their government, for the approval and sanction of this body—and that this Grand Lodge does possess full power to alter or amend such said laws, so presented, to such extent and in all particulars that may be necessary to make them conform to and accord with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Encampments possess in themselves full, ample and positive power, to make such amendments, alterations and changes in the original code of laws or constitutions provided for, furnished or approved for them by this Grand Lodge, and can extend its amendments to the adoption of an entire new constitution—provided that such changes and amendments shall not conflict with the laws of the Supreme Body.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Encampments, immediately after having constitutionally amended or changed their laws, they can and do have and possess full and positive authority and power to enforce the said new laws without awaiting or asking for an approval by the Grand Lodge of the United States; and further that it is not necessary at any subsequent time to submit to the Grand Lodge of the United States such said amendments, changes or new laws for its approval.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States only possess power to pass on, determine or decide upon the legality or constitutionality of the enactments of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, when members or subordinate departments of said Grand Body shall have regularly appealed to her against the enactments and decisions of the said Parent Body, that holds and exercises jurisdiction over them.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the M. W. Grand Sire, and to the members of this body, the death of P. G. M. John Affron, the late representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and D. D. Grand Sire for the State of Alabama.

P. G. Master Affron was one of the oldest members of the Order in the State of Alabama, and one of its most efficient and zealous supporters. He was possessed of warm and generous feelings, and was always gratified in being able to advance the interests of our beloved institution.

I beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to take from us our late Bro. P. G. M. John Affron, late representative in this body:

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States do sympathise with their brethren in the State of Alabama, and with the friends and relatives of our deceased brother, in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and the family of our deceased brother, be furnished with a copy of the above preamble and resolutions.

On motion, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Ramsdell, of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to take into consideration, and report to this Lodge, their opinion on the propriety of extending the term of service of the officers of Subordinate Lodges to one year.

Rep. Knight, of Rhode Island, presented the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, upon the subject therein referred to, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampments of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Winder, of Michigan, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the case of A. Hamilton, and the appended resolutions, be submitted to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of P. G. Sire Hopkins, the election of Grand Officers was made the order of the day for to-morrow at noon.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 19, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. W. Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented communications from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and from Pensacola Lodge, Florida, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. Also a communication from Excelsior Lodge, Honolulu, which was referred to the Committee on Lodges not represented.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of Bro. W. J. Baxter, of Michigan, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; and the appeal of Bro. Jas. D. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

By unanimous consent, the following resolution, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. M. John White, of South Carolina, P. G.'s Charles Calvert, A. V. Fraser, F. D. Stuart, Wm. F. Bayly, W. E. Douglass, and John Thaw, of the District of Columbia, be admitted to seats within the hall.

The Grand Secretary presented the Annual Reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

P. G. S. Kennedy, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend:

That so much thereof as relates to the institution of Grand and Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, since the close of the last session;

So much as relates to Palestine Encampment, No. 3, of Rhode Island, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the Grand Sire's decisions on questions of law and usage;

So much as relates to cards issued under authority of the Grand Lodge of British North America, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to establishing Lodges on the Pacific Coast, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to uniform constitutions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to the investment of the funds of this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

That so much as relates to the New York difficulties, be referred to the special committee of five having that subject in hand.

J. A. KENNEDY,
W. A. MOFFETT,
G. D. TEWKSBURY.

The chair named the following committees provided for in the foregoing report:

Pacific Coast.—Reps. Towers, of District of Columbia, Silsby, of Alabama, Winder, of Michigan.

Uniform Constitutions.—P. G. Sire Hopkins, Reps. Zimmerman, of Maryland, Dickson, of Delaware.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read, and the resolution accompanying adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee, consisting of the Past Grand Sires and the R. W. Grand Secretary, appointed at the last session, with instructions to prepare and report to this session of the Grand Lodge, "full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order," respectfully report:

That in performance of the duty assigned them, they, in the recess of the Grand Lodge, assembled at the Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the city of Baltimore, and being desirous that their report should be full and complete, they carefully examined the records contained in the secret journal and in other recognized authority. After full consultation, aided by the knowledge and experience which each member of the committee possessed, they have prepared and now submit to this Grand Lodge the following as "full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order." If it shall be approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge, and the various lodges and encampments be ordered so to perform the work, it will be the means of producing *uniformity*, which has been much desired.

Your committee in making their report have endeavored accurately to define each part of the work. If they have been able to satisfy the requisition of the Grand Lodge, it will afford gratification.

THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. S.
Z. B. GLAZIER, P. G. S.
JOHN A. KENNEDY, P. G. S.
H. HOPKINS, P. G. S.
JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session at 8 o'clock this evening, to consider the report of the committee appointed at its last session to prepare and report "full and complete instructions in the whole work of the Order."

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read, and with the resolution accompanying, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was entrusted the duty of reporting the deferred and unfinished business of the last session, find upon an examination of the journal of proceedings, that the following require and claim your attention and consideration during the present session, viz:

Memorial of the "Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," on page 1017 journal of this body.

Resolutions of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, page 1086.

Amendments to the Constitution.

Proposed by Rep. Clark, of New Jersey, to article i, page 1123.

" " Rep. Bain, of Virginia, to article viii, page 1031.

" " Rep. Hough, of Virginia, to article xi, page 1099.

" " Rep. Dimon, of New York, to article xiv, page 1070.

" " Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, page 1070.

Amendments to the By-Laws.

Submitted by Rep. Coffin, of New York, to article viii, page 1034.

" " Rep. Neally, of Maine, to article xix, page 1099.

" " Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, to article —, page 1103

" " Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, to Digest, article xi, divisions 15, 16, page 1115 vol. 2, proceedings.

Your committee, on an examination of the memorial from the "Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia," find that it involves questions and principles of vast moment and of the greatest importance. It demands a consideration at your hands; we believe that it should have a full and impartial hearing by a committee as well as of the Grand Lodge. We submit the annexed resolution for the appointment of a committee.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. SPOONER,
RAYMOND COLE,
WM. M. ALLEN.

Resolved, That the memorial from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be referred to a special committee of three.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of that State, upon the subject of the change of the location of that body, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented a communication from lodge No. 19, of Alabama, with the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State, asking leave to hold sessions of said lodge once a month.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to refer the same to the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, moved to amend by referring the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Gallaher, of Virginia, P. G. Rep. E. S. Hough

of Virginia, was admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1849, the official term of Subordinate Encampments shall be extended to one year.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, presented the appeal of P. G. Olmsted, of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, upon the subject of the law of the last session in relation to the minutes of lodges working in the German language, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the special committee, to whom were submitted the matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York, have permission to sit during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved the following proceeding:

WHEREAS it appears that one of the committee elected by this Grand Lodge yesterday, to take into consideration the existing difficulties in the jurisdiction of New York, was a member of the Commission which was appointed by the Grand Sire, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the same subject; and whereas several members of this lodge are understood to have voted to put said member upon the committee without being aware of the fact that he had been a member of said Commission; and whereas it may be by some supposed, however unjustly, that the said member of the committee has already prejudged the matter which the committee are now expected impartially to investigate; and as it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to avoid even a suspicion of unfairness, for obvious reasons: therefore.

Resolved, That the member of the committee in question, Rep. Wm. R. Smith, of Maine, be respectfully requested to decline serving on the said committee, for the purpose of giving to this Grand Lodge opportunity to fill his place in the committee with some representative not heretofore personally connected with the difficulties which it has to inquire into and report upon.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to lay the subject on the table, the Lodge was equally divided, whereupon the Grand Sire declared, by his vote, the motion of Rep. Robinson adopted.

Rep. Towers, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the regulation of this Grand Lodge which prescribes a Funeral Regalia, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the subject be left under the control and direction of the Grand Lodges of the respective states, districts and territories.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of that state, upon the subject of relief to members from other states—referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, presented a communication in the nature of a complaint against the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, which was, together with other papers on that subject, submitted by Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, proposed the following inquiry, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider and report on the expediency and propriety of requiring the work of the Order throughout the United States to be transacted in the English language.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, proposed the following inquiry, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to consider and define the power of Grand Masters, so far as regards their right to require from Subordinate Lodges copies of their proceedings; not disputing their right to examine all books and papers of said Subordinate Lodges, and to make personally such extracts or copies as they may desire.

Rep. Moffett, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Past Official Degrees be, and they are hereby abolished.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, presented an application from the subordinates of that state, asking a return of a portion of the dues paid by them into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Disosway, of North Carolina, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. McKee, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at its last session passed a resolution removing its location from Wilmington to Raleigh, and instructed their Representatives to ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of the United States: therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be permitted to change its location from Wilmington to Raleigh.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following communication from the Grand Lodge of that State, which, on motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Extract from the Minutes of R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.—July Session, 1848.

P. G. M. Spooner offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is represented that that body has accumulated a large surplus balance in its treasury, so large as to make investments in State Stocks—an amount beyond its immediate

and probable future wants—and whereas an accumulation of funds by a legislative body beyond its wants for legislative purposes, is calculated to induce the bestowal of costly presents upon some of its favorite members or officers, and the granting of extravagant salaries to its officers—and whereas our institution has been organized and is sustained for the purpose of "*visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, burying the dead, and educating the orphan,*" not for the purpose of the bestowal of honor, dower or pecuniary emoluments upon its members—and whereas the large amount of funds in the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States has been drawn from lodges and encampments, and diverted from its original purposes, by requiring State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to pay exorbitant and onerous prices for the books and other printed matter furnished them: therefore, be and it is hereby

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Ohio that the Grand Lodge of the United States should not accumulate a balance in its treasury exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States should reduce its revenues to that standard that will be necessary to economically administer its affairs.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States is not warranted in bestowing upon any of its officers or members presents of any kind whatever.

Resolved, That the salaries of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be fixed and determined by law, and not subject to be increased or decreased at every session.

Resolved, That the prices as at present charged by the Grand Lodge of the United States for Charge, Degree, and Installation Books, Cards, Odes, Proceedings of that body, Digest, and other printed matter, are exorbitant and greatly exceed their value and cost.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed to submit the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, and urge the adoption of a resolution directing that all printed matter furnished by that body shall be sold at a fair and reasonable advance upon its actual cost—and that they be further instructed to urge the passage of laws in conformity with the preceding views.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish each of the Representatives of this Grand Lodge with a copy of the foregoing, under seal.

On motion of P. G. M. Clark, it was

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to propose a change in the system of defraying the expenses of Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, so as to make the taxation bear some relation to the representation; or in other words, to equalize the expenses of the different State Grand Lodges.

[SEAL.] A true copy from the minutes.

ISAAC HEFLEY, *Grand Recording Secretary*.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That P. G. Marshall, P. G. Roche, P. G. M. Thompson, P. G. Starr, P. G. White and P. G. M. Ropes, be admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is competent for, and that the Presiding Officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, can before opening their said lodges and encampments, on the presentation of legal cards by visitors, proceed to examine them as if the said body had been opened; and if the said officers should, on examination, find the persons proposing to visit to be correct in the work and A. T. P. W., they may introduce the said visitors to the lodge and encampment before opening, and allow them to remain and continue in the hall during the open-

ing ceremonies, and while in session, the same as if an examining committee had been regularly appointed.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Should a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, or other officer of a Grand body, resign his station at any time before the expiration of his term of office—does he by such resignation surrender, resign and forfeit the honors of such said office—can he be entitled afterward to be held or to claim his station as a Past officer of the office he has resigned? If he can be so entitled, what portion of his term of office must he have actually served to secure to him the honors of the station? And if he is rightfully entitled to the honors of the office resigned, can like honors and distinctions be awarded and conferred upon his successor, who shall have served the remainder of the term?

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction, shall hereafter have the power to hold their sessions at such place or places within their several jurisdictions, as they shall from time to time determine.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the applications and papers relating to the granting of warrants for instituting Grand Encampments in the States of Louisiana and Alabama,* have examined the same, and find them to be correct in form. They therefore recommend that the action of the Grand officers on the said applications, in issuing warrants for instituting and opening the said Grand Encampments during the recess, be confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment the power to suspend a subordinate under its jurisdiction, without giving said subordinate an opportunity of trial?

Rep. Abell, of Connecticut, moved the following inquiry, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire, and report to this body, whether a lodge can reject an applicant for membership on account of any peculiarities of his religious belief and practice.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, submitted the following amendment to the constitution, which was read and ordered to lie over to the next session:

That article eleventh of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended, by striking out the word "September" in the second line, and inserting in its place the word "July."

*A notice of the opening of these Encampments will be found at page 1225.

Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Does a brother drawing his card from a Subordinate Lodge, holding an office in an encampment, thereby vacate his office, even if he deposit his card within one month thereafter?

Rep. Silsby, of Alabama, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of that State, in relation to the organization of State Grand Lodges, which was referred to the Committee on Uniform Constitutions for State Grand Lodges.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of State Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their Grand Representatives in matters pertaining particularly to said lodges and encampments, it does not recognize the right of instruction in matters of interest to the entire Order throughout this jurisdiction.

Rep. Gallaher, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribing a Funeral Regalia.

Rep. Deering, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that Subordinate Encampments shall be officially informed of the suspension or expulsion, and also of the reinstatement of members of Subordinate Lodges, being at the same time members of encampments.

Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, or Grand Representative communicate the Traveling Pass Word to any one except the Noble Grand and Chief Patriarch of subordinates?

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, proposed the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS it has been decided by the Grand Lodge of Indiana that "a Subordinate Lodge cannot, according to the laws, remit an initiation fee, but that, having control of the funds, they may donate the fee at any time;" and whereas it appears that the Grand Lodge of Ohio entertains an opposite opinion, and has severely censured one of its subordinates for pursuing a course according with the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, thus showing that the "usage" of the said districts is diametrically opposite: therefore,

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to the end that a correct and uniform practice may be established.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS "usage," in a certain case, appears to have led to opposite conclusions in the districts of Ohio and Indiana: therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is contrary to the usages of the Order for Noble Grands who have been taken from the floor, (without filling the chairs of Secretary and V. G.,) at the end of the terms to sit as P. G's for the term next succeeding their term of N. G., excepting, however, in cases of new Lodges.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the following proceedings, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representative of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and he is hereby instructed to introduce into said Grand Lodge, and urge the passage of the following amendment to sec. 6, art. 7, of the second division of the Digest of General Laws:

"The vote of a Subordinate Lodge granting a withdrawal card to a member applying therefor, shall have the effect to sever his connection with his lodge: *Provided*, That if on the application for such card he pay to the lodge the amount of his weekly dues for the length of time the card has to run, that the lodge so granting such card shall be held responsible to the brother so withdrawing for all the benefits due to himself and family in case of sickness or death, the same as if he remained in full fellowship, which liability shall continue as long as the card runs, or until such time as the said member may become a beneficiary member of any other lodge to which he may attach himself by virtue of said card. If the card be taken, the brother receiving it shall be entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and shall possess the right to visit for the period specified in his withdrawal card."

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges shall hereafter possess the power of granting to the proper officers of Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction the privilege of issuing visiting cards to members applying therefor, during the recess of their several lodges; provided that the applicant be in good standing, and that cards thus granted shall not run for a longer period than three months; and provided further, that final or withdrawal cards, and visiting cards to run for a longer period than three months, shall only be granted upon application, personal or otherwise, to lodges or encampments while in session.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Do the existing laws require a brother holding a final card, and who wishes to resume active membership, to deposit the same in the lodge nearest his residence, or may he at his option join any lodge in the district where he resides?

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

The opinion of this Grand Lodge is respectfully requested as to the legality of the following enactment of the Grand Encampment of Indiana:

"No application for membership shall be received from persons residing out of the State or in remote districts, when encampments exist nearer their place of residence than the one to which they apply, except by consent of the Grand Encampments of the States interested, or the Most Worthy Grand Patriarchs of said States."

Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is competent for State Grand Encampments to confer the Encampment Degrees upon Scarlet Degree members, to enable said members to petition for Charters of Subordinate Encampments.

On motion of Rep. Minor, of Connecticut, the lodge agreed to take up for consideration the report of the Committee on Deferred Business, which being under consideration,

Rep. Minor, of Connecticut, moved that so much of the said report as refers to the proposed amendment to the Constitution upon the subject of Past Grand Sires, be made the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

On motion, the residue of the report of the Committee on Deferred Business was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, presented the application of Jerusalem Camp, No. 1, of New Albany, Indiana, now extinct, praying for a restoration of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into the expediency of so changing the law in relation to defunct lodges and encampments, that when a lodge or encampment has been defunct for a longer period than three years, the Grand Lodge or Encampments of its jurisdiction, as the case may be, shall have full power to fill the name and number as in case of application for a new charter. (*Digest, Division 3d, Art. 3d, No. 8.*)

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the 15th Section of 2d article of the Digest be repealed, or so modified as to give the Grand Lodges and Encampments the exclusive regulation of the manner of burying their dead.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, moved that a committee be appointed to report a plan of drawing for the classification of members, as provided by the constitution.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials ask leave to report the certificates of the election of the following Representatives, as correct:

GRAND LODGES—*Iowa*—P. G. James Thorington. *Wisconsin*—P. G. L. P. Lott. *Illinois*—P. G. Horatio E. Roberts, P. D. G. M. C. G. Y. Taylor.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT—*Missouri*—P. C. P. E. K. Woodward.

For the Committee,

JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully recommend that the acts of the Executive authority of this Grand Lodge, in having granted, on due application, a Warrant for the Grand Encampment of the State of Delaware, and causing the same to be opened during the recess, be ratified and confirmed.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

The Chair named the following committees:

Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the District of Columbia.—Reps. Torre, of South Carolina, Whitall, of Louisiana, Haines, of Pennsylvania.

Drawing for Terms.—Reps. Cole, of Massachusetts, Wakefield, of New Jersey, Treadway, of Michigan.

Rep. Whittall, of Louisiana, offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom all questions of Law and Usage shall be referred.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted accompanying the report of the Committee on Deferred Business, referring the memorial from the District of Columbia to a select committee, which was agreed to; whereupon, on his motion, so much of that report as referred to the memorial from the District of Columbia was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is incompetent in a Grand Lodge to confer upon any Past Grand the Past Grand's and Grand Lodge degrees, unless on the presentation of certificates in the form prescribed and published by such Grand Lodge.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, proposed the following inquiry, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of so amending the laws of the Order as to give jurisdiction to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments over members holding withdrawal cards for twelve months from the date of the card, or until the deposit of such cards in some legal lodge or encampment. Also, whether C. P.'s or N. G.'s are competent to officiate at the installation of their successors.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to report as to the law or usage governing benefits to members of the Order, who may have renewed the same by deposit of their withdrawal cards from their former lodge, and who may be taken sick or die before the period prescribed by law at which members become entitled to benefits.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who have not received a copy of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States of previous sessions, and their Diplomas of membership, be entitled to receive the same.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, it was resolved, that so much of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business as has not already been acted upon, be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved that a committee be appointed to examine Sutherland's Parliamentary Rules and Practice, and report such regulations of order therefrom as may be useful for the better conduct of business in the Grand Lodge, and which may not already be provided for by the Digest—which was agreed to.

The chair named P. G. Sire Hopkins, Reps. Griffin, of Georgia, and Moore, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the lodge on motion proceeded to the special order of the day, being the election for Grand officers.

The following nominations were made for the office of Grand Sire:—

By Rep. Torre, of S. C.	P. G. M. R. H. Griffin, of Ga.
By Rep. Frost, of Mass.	D. G. S. N. A. Thompson, of Mass.
By Rep. Haines, of Pa.	P. D. G. S. W. W. Moore, of D. of C.

P. D. G. S. Moore declined being a candidate.

The Chair appointed Reps. Sessford, of D. of C., and Brown, of Miss., as tellers, who having received the votes of the Representatives and P. G. Sires as they were severally called, and counted the same, reported that 74 ballots had been cast, of which number P. G. M. R. H. Griffin, of Georgia, had received 43 votes, and D. G. S. Newell A. Thompson, of Massachusetts, had received 31 votes, and that P. G. M. Robert H. Griffin had received a majority of the votes, whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. Robert H. Griffin, of Ga., was the duly chosen Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination for the office of Deputy Grand Sire—when the following were made:

By Rep. Winder, of Mich.,	P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Mich.
By Rep. Minor, of Conn.,	P. G. M. S. H. Parker, of N. H.
By Rep. Burr, of N. C.,	P. G. M. Torre, of S. C.
By Rep. Green, of Ohio,	P. G. M. W. H. Brown, of Miss.
By Rep. Wakefield, of N. J.,	P. G. M. Read, of N. J.
By Rep. Kneass, of La.,	P. G. M. Whitall, of La.
By Rep. Disoway, of N. C.,	P. G. M. Robinson, of Va.
By Rep. Page, of Wis.,	P. G. M. W. D. Wilson, of Wis.
By Rep. Sessford, of D. of C.,	P. G. M. Smith, of Maine.
By Rep. Haines, of Pa.,	P. G. M. Langer, of Pa.
By Rep. Dickson, of Del.,	P. G. M. Marshall, of Ky.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, nominating P. G. M. Wm. H. Brown, of that State, for the office of Deputy Grand Sire.

Reps. Torre, of S. C., Brown, of Miss., Robinson, of Va., Smith, of Maine, and Marshall of Ky., respectively declined being candidates.

The nominations being closed, the lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received and counted the votes reported as follows: that seventy-five votes had been polled, of which number

P. G. Master A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan,	had 28
“ “ Parker, of New Hampshire,	“ 21
“ “ Read, of New Jersey,	“ 10
“ “ Whitall, of Louisiana,	“ 5
“ “ Wilson, of Wisconsin,	“ 6
“ “ Langer, of Pennsylvania,	“ 3
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and that no candidate having received a majority of votes, no election had been held.

The Grand Lodge proceeded again to the election, when P. G. M. Read, of N. Jersey, declined, and P. G. M. Langer, of Pennsylvania, was withdrawn.

The tellers having received the ballots, reported that seventy-five ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. Master A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan,	had	50
" " Parker, of New Hampshire,	"	22
" " Whittall, of Louisiana,	"	2
" " Wilson, of Wisconsin,	"	1

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and that P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan, was duly chosen Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of G. Recording Secretary, when the following were made.

By Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

By Rep. Forman, of N. H., P. G. M. Thomas Spooner, of Ohio.

The nominations being closed, the lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots, reported that seventy-four ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.,	had received	-	60
P. G. M. Thomas Spooner, of Ohio,	-	-	14

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and that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely had received a majority of all the votes polled; whereupon the Grand Sire declared that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., was duly chosen Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following nomination was made:

By Rep. Robinson, of Va., P. G. M. Warner, of Md.

The lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers having received the ballots reported that thirty-six ballots had been voted, all of which were cast for P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Md.; whereupon the Grand Sire declared him to be the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, presented a communication from a Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, asking the co-operation of the Grand Lodge of the United States with the Order in that State in devising proper means of relief for P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, which was referred on his motion to a select committee of three. The Chair named Reps. Robinson, of Virginia, Griffin, of Georgia, and Torre, of South Carolina, as the committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 19, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the special order of the evening, being the consideration in secret session of the report of the committee on the unwritten work.

After a session of several hours with closed doors, the Grand Lodge adjourned the secret session until Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The lodge resumed its ordinary business, when, on motion that the Grand Lodge adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, it was agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, one thousand extra copies were ordered to be printed:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In obedience to law, the undersigned begs to submit the annual report of his office. The accompanying resolutions embrace the several duties directed to be performed by the Corresponding Secretary during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish certificates, in the nature of withdrawal cards, to all members of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which are now or may hereafter become extinct; said certificates to be signed by the Grand Secretary, to be attested by the seal of this Grand Lodge, to entitle the holder to all the privileges exercised under withdrawal cards, and only to be issued after the presentation by the applicant of satisfactory evidence of membership and good standing.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary, be a committee to revise the forms, &c., of the installation of officers of this Grand Lodge, and report the same to the Lodge at its next session.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be required to keep a secret journal of the proceedings of this body, in which shall be recorded such matters as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge should not be made public.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to present, through P. G. Campbell, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, ten copies of the first and second volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

5. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to have the Subordinate work translated into the French and Spanish languages, and to have two hundred copies of the charge and lecture books printed in each language.

6. *Resolved*, That the Past Grand Sires and R. W. Grand Secretary be a committee to prepare and report to the next Session of this Grand Lodge, full and

complete instructions in the whole work of the Order, and that the Grand Secretary shall keep a secret record of such instructions, and of all alterations or changes that may hereafter be made in the same.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the published proceedings of each Session of the Grand Lodge a list of the members and officers, with their respective addresses, if furnished, and their highest titles in the Order.

8. *Resolved*, That the Representatives of each State and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, be furnished with a perfected and complete copy of the Digest of Laws.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed, when it becomes necessary to have another edition of the charge and lecture books printed, to have the same stereotyped.

10. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds in state stocks.

11. *Resolved*, That the further sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Grand Recording Secretary, for the purchase of chairs for the use of members of the Grand Lodge.

12. *Resolved*, That the proper officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with the publishers and proprietors of the Journal of its Proceedings (Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell,) for the copy-right and stereotype plates of the same, upon terms, to wit: fifteen hundred dollars, payable in three annual instalments of five hundred dollars each.

Resolved further, That it shall be referred to the Grand Representatives of the State of New York, to cause the stereotype plates of volume I, and Nos. 1 and 2 of volume II, (being Journal 1844 and 1845,) to be examined, and upon their certificate being filed in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, that the said plates are in good order and in a proper state of preservation, then the Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary are hereby authorized to close the said contract, and to give to the said parties the corporate notes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the terms prescribed in the first resolution.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have the Digest of Laws secured by copy-right.

14. *Resolved*, That the Digest be printed in convenient form, and sold to Grand Lodges and Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, immediately under this jurisdiction.

15. *Resolved*, That the Journal from 1843 to the close of this Session be printed, stereotyped and copy-right secured.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on printing, to act in conjunction with the Grand Secretary in the above work.

16. *Resolved*, That the report of Committee on Appeals to-day, made on the appeals from the Grand Lodge of New York, and the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

17. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary transmit this day's proceedings, per mail, to the several members of this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

By authority of the first resolution, the undersigned issued a certificate in the nature of a withdrawal card to P. G. M. Geo. Bolsover, late of England, also to Patriarchs Solomon Malhon, Jared C. Jocelyn, Jno. B. Williamson, Mathias Peterson, Nathaniel F. Webb, Richard D. Evans, Joseph H. Moffat, Hiram Lanham, W. B. Robertson, Andrew Farrell, Stuart W. Cayce, formerly members of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of New Albany, Indiana, now defunct. The former was issued upon evidence on the files of this office of the membership of the brother in Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, of England, at the time of its demise, and the latter upon the certificate of New Albany Lodge, No. 1, of Indiana, of the good

standing of the several applicants. The books of Jerusalem Encampment having been lost, evidence of that fact was supplied, and the next best evidence which could be had, being the certificate of the Lodge at New Albany, was, under the circumstances, received as satisfactory.

The second resolution has been complied with, and a form of installation of Grand officers will be submitted during your Session.

The third and fourth resolutions have received the prompt attention of the Corresponding Secretary.

During the recess the undersigned authorized P. G. Rep. Henry McKinnell, of Louisiana, to contract with a qualified French and Spanish scholar for the performance of the work prescribed in the fifth resolution. Bro. McKinnell, in view of the responsibility of the trust, with the approbation of the Corresponding Secretary, transferred the same to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. This body having accepted the office, through the Grand Secretary of the state submitted an estimate of the terms upon which the work could be done in the city of New Orleans, which appearing to be so much more costly than was anticipated, especially the item of printing, the undersigned deferred authorizing a contract until the further instructions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Having received an application from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British North America for a supply of the work in the French language, I addressed a communication to him conferring a like authority upon that body to perform this service, from whom I have only recently learnt that the communication never reached him.

The duty enjoined in the sixth resolution is in progress of performance, and it is expected that the Past Grand Sires will report full instructions in the work during the Session.

The seventh and eighth resolutions have been literally complied with.

The emergency having transpired provided for in the ninth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary caused the charge book to be stereotyped, from which an edition of one thousand copies has been worked off and delivered at this office.

In pursuance of the tenth resolution, the Grand Sire, Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer invested the surplus funds in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in Maryland state six per cent. securities, and deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a certificate for the same, for the sum of three thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars forty-six cents.

The chairs, corresponding in style and convenience with the desks already provided for the use of the Grand Representatives, for which the appropriation was made in the eleventh resolution have been procured, and are now present for the accommodation of the Representatives. The appropriation authorized, has been unavoidably exceeded by the sum of sixty-four dollars, for which your approbation is asked.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Session, the Correspond-

ing Secretary closed the contract authorized in the twelfth resolution with Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell, for the copy-right and stereotype plates of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in so far as those brethren were the proprietors of the same. The terms and stipulations indicated in the resolution were conformed to on the part of the proprietors, and the certificate of the Grand Representatives of the State of New York evidencing their examination of the plates, and their perfect condition and state of preservation is now on file in this office. In consideration of which the undersigned delivered to Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell the corporate notes of the Grand Lodge of the United States at one, two and three years, for five hundred dollars each, bearing date 17th January, 1848. The plates have been safely delivered, the copy-right assigned and the value of two hundred dollars worth of bound copies of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States have been also received. This purchase not having entirely extinguished individual proprietorship in the Journal, the undersigned in pursuance of a contract made last year with James Young, the printer of the Journal for September Session, 1847, obtained from him, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Representatives of Maryland, of the proper condition of the plates, a surrender to the Grand Lodge of the United States of his copy-right and stereotype plates for that Journal by the proper assignments, upon the payment to him of the sum of one hundred and sixty-one dollars eighty-seven cents—being the cost of the stereotype plates. The absolute right of property in the Journal is, therefore, fully vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and two volumes being now completed with an Index to the whole, it will be proper for you to fix the price per volume at which the work shall be sold, and to provide by law for its revision in the event of a reprint of the same.

The thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth resolutions provide for the copy-right, printing and distribution of the Digest of Laws passed at the last Session, also for the printing, stereotyping and copy-righting the Journal from 1843 to the close of the last Session, for the performance of which duty a committee was appointed to act with the Corresponding Secretary.

In relation to this subject, I beg to report that a supplement to the Digest was prepared by the committee charged with the subject at the last Session, under authority of resolution page 1096, vol. II Journal, which together with the original Digest was copy righted in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was placed by the undersigned in the hands of Bro. Grand Representative Stokes, of Pa., chairman of the committee appointed with the Corresponding Secretary, immediately after the close of the last Session. The committee with the concurrence of the Corresponding Secretary, contracted on 4th November, 1847, with Messrs. Curtis & Gihon, of Philadelphia, for printing an edition of ten thousand copies for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, and for binding the same with David H. Gihon, for seven and a half

cents per copy, to be completed and delivered by the first day of January, 1848. This work was not delivered until the first day of March, 1848, and hence the delay in its distribution.

Much complaint has been made by the brotherhood, and not without just cause, at the delay in the publication and distribution of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the undersigned is much inconvenienced in the superintendence of the printing, and correction of proof sheets by the plan heretofore adopted in the disposition of the contract for printing. Considerable time elapses after the Session before the committee close the contract, and when closed, the work is seldom delivered at the time specified in the contract. To correct this condition of things for the future, I respectfully recommend that a law be passed directing the Grand Secretary to invite proposals for printing the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the usual form, to be transmitted to his office under seal previous to or during the Session, to be opened only and examined by a committee to be appointed for that purpose, in order that the contract may thus receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge. This course it is believed would save much time in the printing, which is by the present system unreasonably delayed.

The printing of the Journal from 1843 to 1847 inclusive, was not authorized, for the reason that a sufficient supply was on hand to meet the probable sales, and for the still more important reason, that, in the opinion of the undersigned whenever it shall become necessary to reprint the Journal, important corrections will be necessary in the stereotype plates.

The sixteenth and seventeenth resolutions were promptly complied with immediately after the close of the Session. The final card plate having become much worn by use, the Corresponding Secretary caused the same to be retouched at the cost of fifty dollars, an edition of ten thousand copies of which has since been struck from the plate, with a much improved appearance.

No necessity has existed during the year to cause any printing of the work, other than one thousand copies of the charge book as already intimated, and fifty thousand copies of the odes.

The undersigned after the reiteration of the law of the last Session, prohibiting the printing of any part of the work of the Order, including the odes, has to express his sincere regret that in some of the state jurisdictions the odes continue to be printed. In the expectation that the law would be respected an abundant supply of odes was provided, and now remain on hand; this stock will become a loss to the Grand Lodge of the United States unless some legislation be adopted to enforce a compliance with existing laws.

The expense incident to the purchase of the supplies indicated above, and the printing authorized have been paid for, vouchers for which will be submitted by the Grand Treasurer, and being disbursed unavoidably and without any special authority, are submitted for your examination and approbation.

The Digest of Laws has been sold to Grand Lodges and Grand

Encampments upon the usual terms, and to individuals for cash; the sales having nearly exhausted the edition on hand, the undersigned authorized a new edition of five thousand copies upon the same terms and by the same contractors, no part of which has yet been received. A detailed statement of the sales of the *Digest* is herewith presented.—(Doc. A.)

The correspondence of the office since your adjournment has been voluminous with District Deputy Grand Sires, the officers of the several state jurisdictions and our sister government, the Grand Lodge of British North America, from which the undersigned presents the following brief exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order during the year:

Foreign Relations.—The correspondence with the Grand Lodge of British North America has been highly gratifying. The Order is in a prosperous condition in that jurisdiction, a detailed report in relation to which, may be expected from the special Representative accredited to that body by resolution of the last Session.

In the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the following condensed abstract will exhibit the progress of the Order since the last Session:

Michigan.—The Order in this state continues to prosper, the annual report shows an increase of twelve lodges and an addition of eight hundred to the membership.

Vermont.—The Grand Lodge of this state has been instituted during the recess, and appears at this Session by Representative. The Order is advancing with healthful rapidity in this jurisdiction.

Maine.—The reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment evince the continued increase and prosperity of the Order in Maine.

Massachusetts.—Odd-Fellowship is no where more prosperous than in this commonwealth. The able reports of the efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe are made with great care and precision, and justly commend him to the regard of the brotherhood of Massachusetts.

New Hampshire.—Since the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States four new lodges and one encampment have been instituted in New Hampshire, and a wholesome increase of membership has taken place.

Rhode Island.—The report of D. D. Grand Sire Webster exhibits a healthy condition in the Patriarchal branch, and the Grand Lodge report evinces general prosperity.

Connecticut.—The Order is in a highly gratifying condition in Connecticut, as appears by the annual reports of the state.

New York.—Odd-Fellowship has continued to increase in this vast jurisdiction, notwithstanding the untoward circumstances of its domestic government; a detailed report in relation to the condition of the Order in New York will doubtless be made by the Grand Sire.

Pennsylvania.—Large accessions to the Order in both branches continue in this state, and general prosperity pervades the institution.

New Jersey.—The reports from New Jersey evince a healthful condition of the Order, and a large increase in lodges and membership.

Delaware.—Since the last Session a Grand Encampment has been organized by the Grand Sire in person in Delaware. The Grand Lodge has not paused in the rapid career of advancement, reported at the last Session—five new lodges have been opened during the year, and the brotherhood has nearly doubled its members.

Maryland.—The Order in Maryland is rapidly increasing, and entire harmony prevails throughout the brotherhood.

District of Columbia.—All is prosperous in this jurisdiction, and the state of Odd-Fellowship is healthful within its limits.

Virginia.—The annual reports of this state continue to exhibit a growing prosperity in the Order in both branches; eighteen new lodges and four new camps, have been instituted during the year, and the membership has been largely increased, evincing great energy and attention in the administration of the affairs of the state.

North Carolina.—Odd-Fellowship having fallen into the hands of efficient and devoted brethren in North Carolina, has without interruption continued to advance, if not as rapidly and diffusively as in other jurisdictions, certainly with not less stability and general healthfulness.

South Carolina.—The efficient Grand Secretary of South Carolina continues to be a valued correspondent of this office, and his annual report, always made in due time, presents the Order in that jurisdiction in its usual prosperous condition. The Patriarchal department is also highly prosperous.

Georgia.—Odd-Fellowship continues to occupy an elevated position in public opinion in this state, and the general interests of the Order within its borders, confided as they have been, to energetic agents, continue to advance—ten new lodges have been formed during the past year.

Florida.—This state has had a gratifying increase of lodges and membership during the past year. There are five lodges and two encampments within the jurisdiction, and it is in contemplation to organize a Grand Lodge at an early period.

Mississippi.—A Grand Encampment has been instituted in Mississippi during the recess, in pursuance of the grant of the last Session. The annual report has been made and a Grand Representative will be present in its behalf. The affairs of the Grand Lodge have also prospered, as will abundantly appear from the report of the efficient Grand Secretary of that state. Eleven new lodges have been instituted since the last annual report.

Alabama.—A Grand Encampment has been instituted in this state by warrant from the Grand Sire, directed to P. G. Representative Charles W. Whittall, of La., to whom the Grand Lodge of the United States is indebted for its organization. The Grand Lodge report exhibits a healthy state of Odd-Fellowship.

Louisiana.—A Grand Encampment has also been instituted in this state during the recess by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Sire,

upon proper application, and the annual report of the Grand Lodge indicates a continued increase of lodges and membership.

Missouri.—The annual reports of Missouri have, as usual, been made in due season. From these it appears that in both branches the Order continues to advance its strength in numbers and general usefulness; ten new lodges and over five hundred members have been added to the jurisdiction.

Illinois.—Odd-Fellowship in Illinois appears to have revived in good earnest from its former depressed condition. Fourteen new lodges and an increased membership of seven hundred has been acquired during the past year; the encampment branch under the zealous and successful direction of D. D. Grand Sire John G. Potts, for the Northern, and D. D. Grand Sire Gerard B. Allen, for the Southern district, has had a large increase since the last reports of these officers. There are now eleven Subordinate Encampments in healthful condition in the state, and an application is in contemplation for a Grand Encampment. Illinois Encampment, having surrendered its charter to D. D. Grand Sire Wilson, has ceased to exist, and Chicago Camp, No. 10, has been instituted in its stead.

Indiana.—The Order in Indiana is every where prosperous. A Grand Encampment has been instituted in virtue of the grant of last Session, for valuable service in the organization of which, the Grand Lodge of the United States is indebted to P. G. Representative J. P. Chapman, upon whom the duty of instituting the same was devolved by special deputation from the Grand Sire.

Ohio.—This state has become the fourth in the Order in strength, and by reason of the efficiency of its state administration, has been for several years rapidly gaining upon her elder sisters New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. It will be a source of pride to the Grand Lodge of the United States to witness the steady advance of this great state in our confederacy.

Kentucky.—Odd-Fellowship has had a great increase in Kentucky during the year. The Reports from the State indicate the highest degree of prosperity. In the number of lodges, initiations, membership, amount of revenue and relief, this State has nearly doubled its work of the year 1846-7.

Tennessee.—The Corresponding Secretary has had but little correspondence with this state during the year, but has learnt that the Order continues to prosper in both branches in Tennessee.

Arkansas.—In this State the Order is in a very much improved condition. Four lodges and one encampment now exist within its borders, all of which are in a healthful condition. The Reports are regularly made. Upon the formation of a Grand Lodge in the State, the advance of the Order will become rapid.

Wisconsin.—The Order is highly prosperous in Wisconsin—all is harmony within the State, and Odd-Fellowship is covering its entire surface. D. D. G. Sire Wilson continues to impart his invaluable aid in the direction of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, and to faci-

tate the communications of this office with the Subordinates to this jurisdiction in that State.

Iowa.—The Lodges of Iowa having harmonized upon the location of the State Grand Lodge, made a proper application for a grand warrant, which by authority of the Grand Sire was issued to D. D. G. Sire Jno. G. Potts, of Illinois, by whom the grand body was instituted at Bloomington. The Order has had a prosperous season in that jurisdiction, and the State appears at this session by a grand representative.

Texas.—The Order in Texas is improving as rapidly as could be expected. This state will doubtless now assume its proper rank in the confederacy.

Sandwich Islands.—A Report has been received from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in the town of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian. This lodge was confirmed in its warrant under this jurisdiction, by resolution of last session. The Report indicates general prosperity in the Lodge. Advice having been received of the death of Bro. Watson, acting as D. D. G. S. for that district, a commission was issued by direction of the Grand Sire to Bro. A. Ten Eyck, as the successor of Bro. Watson. An application is herewith submitted from this Lodge, praying the aid of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the matter therein referred to.

Venezuela.—The warrant authorized by resolution of last session, to Venezuela Lodge, No. 1, at Caracas, Province of Venezuela, South America, was issued in October, 1847, to Bro. P. G. Matthew Purdin, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Maryland, who was specially deputed to institute the same. This Brother has reported that in consequence of the revolutionary state of the country, he deemed it prudent to defer the organization of the lodge.

Oregon.—The Lodge, Oregon, No. 1, designed to be located at the city of Oregon, in the territory of Oregon, has not been opened, as heretofore reported by the undersigned. Very recently information has been received of the appointment by the Government of a number of civil officers for the territory of Oregon, who are anxious to carry Odd-Fellowship with them into that distant part of our country. An application has been received from a distinguished member of the Order, appointed to the revenue service in Oregon, asking to be entrusted with plenary powers to institute lodges in that Territory. No authority residing in the Executive officers to grant this request, it is respectfully referred to the Grand Lodge, with an earnest recommendation that favorable legislation be had on the subject.

The Journal of the last session and the Digest, when received from the printer, were promptly forwarded to the grand representatives and officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their respective post offices, and the quota of the Journal authorized by law for the State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was also dispatched to each of these bodies at an early moment thereafter. Article 5 sec. 1 of the Digest, page 18, prescribes

the duty of the Recording Secretary in the distribution of the Journal. It is provided that there shall be sent "to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment twice as many copies of the Journal as it has Subordinates under its jurisdiction." In order to comply with this law, it has been usual for the Committee on Printing to contract for printing twice the number of copies of the Journal for distribution among the States as there are Subordinate Lodges and Encampments returned in their respective annual reports. It frequently happens that many new lodges and encampments are formed in the States after the preparation of the annual reports, for which bodies no copies of the Journal are on hand. It is respectfully suggested that provision be made to supply this deficiency.

Accompanying this Report is submitted for your approbation the Constitution and By-Laws of the immediate Subordinates to this jurisdiction, and also of several of the Grand Lodges and Encampments, received at this office during the recess. I also present copies of the printed Journals of several of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, and respectfully repeat the suggestion heretofore offered, that an appropriation be made for the collection, binding and preservation of the Journals of each of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Warrants have been issued in pursuance of law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, during the recess,

FOR GRAND LODGES.*

Vermont, at Montpelier
Iowa, at Bloomington.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.*

Mississippi, at Natchez.
Louisiana, at New Orleans.
Indiana, at Indianapolis.
Alabama, at Mobile.
Delaware, at Wilmington.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Leon,	-	-	-	-	-	No. 5, Talahassee, Florida.
Frontier,	-	-	-	-	-	" 3, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
	-	-	-	-	-	" 4, Batesville, "
Manitou,	-	-	-	-	-	" 8, Tipton, Iowa.
Ottumwa,	-	-	-	-	-	" 9, Ottumwa, "
Henry,	-	-	-	-	-	" 10, Mt. Pleasant, "
Venezuela,†	-	-	-	-	-	" 1, Caracas, S. America.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Lone Star,	-	-	-	-	-	No. 1, Galveston, Texas.
Mount Hobah,	-	-	-	-	-	" 5, Gainesville, Alabama.
Greene,	-	-	-	-	-	" 6, Eutaw, "
Halcyon,	-	-	-	-	-	" 7, Prattville, "
	-	-	-	-	-	" 8, Marion, "

*Accounts of the institution of these bodies, so far as we have returns, will be found at page 1235.

†A warrant was sent, but the Lodge never instituted.

Eureka, - - - - -	No. 2, Burlington, Iowa,
State, - - - - -	" 3, Davenport, "
Prairie, - - - - -	" 4, Bloomington, "
Good Samaritan, - - - - -	" 5, Iowa City, "
Iowa, - - - - -	" 6, Fairfield.
Sussex, - - - - -	" 4, Georgetown, Delaware.
Manchester, - - - - -	" 4, Providence, R. Island.
Ascutney, - - - - -	" 2, Windsor, Vermont.
Green Mountain, - - - - -	" 3, Middleburg, "
Rock River, - - - - -	" 3, Janesville, Wisconsin.
Star, - - - - -	" 4, Racine, "
Walworth, - - - - -	" 5, White Water, "
Mount Vernon, - - - - -	" 7, Beardstown, Illinois.
Union, - - - - -	" 8, Collingsville, "
Ridgely, - - - - -	" 9, Jacksonville, "
Chicago, - - - - -	" 10, Chicago, "
Sirion, - - - - -	" 11, Mount Carmel, "

Applications were also received for the institution of Hope Lodge, No. 1, Vera Cruz, Mexico, John G. Potts and Schiller Lodges, Iowa, each of which was from necessity declined, and the charter fee returned—the first on account of the absence of the card of one of the applicants, the two last for want of jurisdiction, the grand warrant for the Grand Lodge of Iowa having been previously issued from this office.

The several applications upon which the above warrants were issued, and the returns of the institution of these bodies, so far as they have been received, are submitted. Herewith is also submitted the annual reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, which comprehend also returns of the organization of lodges and encampments within their respective districts.

Pursuant to Article V, Sec. 1, page 15 Digest, the undersigned respectfully presents "a detailed statement of the accounts of his office, shewing the amounts due to and by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a list of all Grand and Subordinate bodies which have failed to report within two weeks of the annual Session." See documents B. and C. accompanying.

In obedience to the same law requiring the Recording Secretary "to pay over all monies received by him during the recess for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source, and for what object," the following exhibit is made of the receipts of this office during the fiscal year 1847-8. I also present a supplementary statement of the receipts, from what sources and for what objects since the close of the fiscal year up to and inclusive of the first day of the annual Session. The several sums received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report:

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
1847—1848.**

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1847. Sept. 26,	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	Warrant.	\$30 00 263	
Oct. 2,	Do. of Louisiana.....	"	30 00 271	
"	Camp. No. 5, Gainesville, Alabama.....	"	30 00 272	
"	8, Grand Camp., No. 6, ".....	"	30 00 273	
"	16, Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas.....	"	30 00 279	
Dec. 16,	Manitou Lodge, No. 8, Iowa.....	"	30 00 290	
"	20, Star Camp., No. 3, Wisconsin.....	"	30 00 291	
"	21, Haleyon Camp., Iowa.....	"	30 00 292	
1848. Jan. 14,	Mt. Vernon Camp., No. 7, Illinois.....	"	30 00 297	
"	20, Rock River Camp., Wisconsin.....	"	30 00 301	
"	27, Otumwa Lodge, No. 9, Iowa.....	"	30 00 304	
Feb. 7,	State Camp., No. 2, ".....	"	30 00 306	
"	Henry Lodge, No. 10, ".....	"	30 00 307	
Mar. 16,	— Camp., No. 5, Wisconsin.....	"	30 00 314	
"	Hope Lodge, No. 1, Vera Cruz, Mex.....	"	30 00 315	
"	Acutney Camp., No. 2, Windsor, Vt.....	"	30 00 317	
"	Gr'n Mountain do., No. 3, Middleburg, Vt.....	"	30 00 317	
"	Prairie Camp., No. 4, Iowa.....	"	30 00 319	
Apr. 5,	Manchester Camp., No. 4, R. I.....	"	30 00 325	
May 5,	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	30 00 329	
"	— Camp., No. 8, Alabama.....	"	30 00 330	
"	30 Pensacola Lodge.....	"	64 02 330	
June 10,	Collingsville Camp., No. 8, Illinois.....	"	30 00 340	
"	13, Ridgely Camp, No. 9, ".....	"	30 00 343	
"	26, Good Samaritan Camp., No. 5, Iowa.....	"	30 00 345	
July 28,	Independence Lodge, No. 4, Arkansas.....	"	30 00 362	
"	30, Chicago Camp., No. 10, Illinois.....	"	30 00 373	
"	30, Sirion Camp., No. 11, ".....	"	30 00 385	
"	Grand Camp. of Delaware.....	"	30 00 392	
"	Iowa Camp., No. 6, Iowa.....	"	30 00 393	
Total for Warrants.....			\$934 02	
1847. Sept. 23,	D. D. G. S. W. Williams, for Camps. in Ga.	Dues.	\$60 00 261	
"	Do. W. D. Wilson, Wisconsin, ".....	"	161 00 262	
"	Do. do. do. ".....	"	42 00 264	
" 27,	Sinsinawa Lodge, Iowa.	"	11 20 269	
Nov. 15,	Halcyon Camp, ".....	"	14 00 282	
1848. Jan. 23,	Narraganset Camp., R. Island.....	"	16 30 302	
"	Mosshassuck Camp., do.....	"	21 72 302	
"	Palestine Camp., do.....	"	4 10 302	
"	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida.....	"	8 00 303	
Feb. 20,	Jefferson Lodge, do.....	"	51 00 310	
Mar 16,	Telulah Lodge, Arkansas.....	"	46 10 313	
"	Far West Lodge, do.	"	7 74 313	
Apr. 3,	Kosciusko Lodge, Iowa.....	"	18 00 323	
" 10,	Davenport Lodge, do.....	"	23 91 326	
"	Harmony Lodge, do.....	"	33 61 326	
" 14,	Washington Lodge, do.....	"	22 67 327	
"	Muscataine Lodge, do.....	"	23 75 327	
May 16,	Wilkey Encampment, Ia.....	"	66 65 332	
" 22,	Wilkey Encampment, Indiana.....	"	3 72 334	
"	Bethlehem Encampment, do.....	"	10 91 334	
"	Sherlock Encampment, do.....	"	40 76 334	
"	Metropolitan Encampment, do.....	"	3 80 334	
"	Wabash Encampment, do.....	"	33 41 334	

Statement Continued.

LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE. PURPOSE.		AMOUNT.	V.
3. Lead Mine Encampment, Illinois.....	Dues.	\$9 72 337	
Kreosauqua Lodge, Iowa.....	"	15 58 337	
Halcyon Camp., do.....	"	10 88 337	
5. Calumet Camp., N. C.....	"	4 35 339	
4. Lead Mine Camp., Illinois.....	"	18 00 343	
5. Jefferson Lodge, Iowa.....	"	19 00 352	
7. Tombigbee Camp., Miss.....	"	22 00 356	
1. Telulah Lodge, Arkansas.....	"	48 51 362	
Illinois Camp., Ill.....	"	16 37 366	
Lone Star Camp., Texas.....	"	27 50 369	
Allen Camp., No. 4, Illinois.....	"	27 54 370	
Wilson Camp., No. 2, Wisconsin.....	"	7 32 373	
Do. do. do.....	"	18 75 373	
Star Lodge, No. 4, do.....	"	10 67 373	
Racine Lodge, No. 1, do.....	"	13 60 373	
Do. do. do.....	"	13 59 373	
Narragansett Camp., R. I.....	"	28 55 376	
Mossashuck Camp., do.....	"	16 08 375	
Wilkey Camp., No. 1, Mississippi.....	"	14 40 376	
Vicksburg Camp., No. 2, do.....	"	8 40 376	
Choctaw Camp., No. 3, do.....	"	3 00 376	
Woodville Camp., No. 4, do.....	"	13 14 376	
Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas.....	"	15 00 377	
Delaware Camp., No. 1, Delaware.....	"	36 60 381	
Subordinate Camps. in Georgia.....	"	36 00 382	
Subordinate Lodges of Florida.....	"	20 00 383	
Hobah Camp., Louisiana.....	"	34 85 388	
Magnolia Camp., do.....	"	17 25 388	
Eagle Camp., No. — Arkansas.....	"	7 00 389	
Total for dues.....		\$1,267 93	
Grand Camp., New York.....	Books.	\$72 00 257	
Do. Pennsylvania.....	"	68 00 258	
Do. Connecticut.....	"	6 00 260	
Do. District of Columbia.....	"	12 00 267	
Ovenant, in pamphlets.....	"	2 00 268	
Grand Camp. of Georgia.....	"	2 00 270	
Do. of Louisiana.....	"	10 00 271	
Amphlet copy of Journal, 1844.....	"	0 25 281	
Grand Camp. of North Carolina.....	"	4 00 273	
Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	10 00 281	
Mini Lodge, Illinois, (Digests).....	"	1 00 288	
Digests at office.....	"	0 50 293	
Do. Alex. F. Glenn, of Ohio, (Digests).....	"	25 00 294	
Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	72 00 305	
Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00 308	
Do. do. (Digests).....	"	100 00 308	
Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....	"	84 00 308	
Do. of Connecticut (Digests).....	"	25 00 309	
Do. Magee & Kneass, of Phila. do.....	"	25 00 309	
Do. A. E. Glenn, of Ohio do.....	"	25 00 311	
Digests at office.....	"	5 12 312	
Do do.....	"	1 00 316	
Do. 1 Journal G. L. U. S.....	"	2 00 318	
Grand Lodge (one copy).....	"	0 37 318	

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DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848. Apr. 5,	Digest (one copy).....	Books.	\$0 37 324	
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	30 00 328	
May 17,	Bros. Magee & Co. do. (Digests).....	"	25 00 333	
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Ohio, do.	"	31 50 335	
"	Do. do. Journals G. L. U. S.	"	18 00 335	
		"	345	
" 27,	F. A. Dentzall, N. Orleans (Digests)....	"	25 00 338	
"	Pensacola Lodge do.	"	4 88 338	
June 10,	Grand Camp. of Missouri.....	"	13 50 342	
" 24,	Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	6 50 346	
"	Do. do. (Digests).....	"	25 00 346	
" 26,	Bros. Curtis & Norcross do.	"	100 00 347	
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	50 00 349	
"	Do. do. (Digests).....	"	25 00 349	
July 10,	Myrtle Lodge, Virginia do.	"	2 00 363	
" 14,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	30 00 354	
" 24,	Do. of Maine.....	"	27 00 357	
"	Do. of Virginia.....	"	54 00 358	
"	F. A. Dentzail, N. Orleans (Digests)....	"	25 00 359	
" 25,	Grand Lodge of S. Carolina do.	"	50 00 360	
" 30,	Do. of Mississippi.....	"	98 00 364	
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	39 00 365	
"	Do. of Michigan (Digests).....	"	25 00 370	
"	Grand Encampment of N. Jersey.....	"	26 75 372	
"	Do. of Mississippi..	"	39 38 374	
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	64 00 380	
"	Do. do. (Digests).....	"	81 25 380	
"	W. H. Jones, Boston do.	"	50 00 384	
"	J. E. Chamberlain, Balt., do.	"	25 00 386	
"	Grand Camp. of Louisiana.....	"	36 00 388	
	Total for Books.....		\$1,679 37	
1847. Sept. 27,	Bro. John W. Stokes.....	Diplomas.	\$9 00 265	
"	Grand Camp. of District of Columbia....	"	5 00 267	
Oct. 5,	Do. of N. Carolina.....	"	1 00 273	
"	One Diploma at office.....	"	1 00 273	
" 6,	Do. do.	"	1 00 280	
Nov. 5,	Do. do.	"	1 00 281	
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	37 50 283	
" 22,	Do. of S. Carolina.....	"	18 75 285	
" 29,	Bros. Magee & Kneass.....	"	72 00 287	
1848. Jan. 31,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	20 00 305	
Apr. 5,	One Diploma.....	"	1 00 324	
May 22,	Grand Camp. of Ohio.....	"	24 00 336	
July 30,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	75 00 364	
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	4 00 365	
"	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	"	6 00 374	
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	75 00 380	
"	One Diploma.....	"	1 00 385	
Sept. 9,	Jas. A. Forbes, Va.....	"	2 00 391	
	Total for Diplomas.....		\$354 25	

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DATE.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE	AMOUNT.	V.
Sept. 27,	Grand Camp., Dist. of Columbia.....	Cards.	\$15 00	267
Oct. 5,	Do. N. Carolina.....	"	2 00	273
Nov. 10,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	25 00	281
" 19,	Do. of Ohio.....	"	50 00	283
" 29,	Ridgely Lodge, Mississippi.....	"	2 10	286
Dec. 3,	Windsor Lodge, Vermont.....	"	2 50	289
Jan. 14,	Tomhigbee Camp., Miss.....	"	5 00	295
" 20,	Vermont Lodge, Vermont.....	"	5 00	299
"	Ascuney Camp., do.	"	8 00	308
Feb. 14,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	150 00	300
"	Grand Camp. do.	"	25 00	308
Mar. 30,	Winooskie Camp., Vermont.....	"	3 00	322
Apr. 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	60 00	328
May 22,	Do. of Ohio.....	"	100 00	335
"	Pensacola Lodge.....	"	3 00	330
June 26,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	150 00	347
" 28,	Do. of Kentucky.....	"	20 00	349
July 17,	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vt.....	"	2 00	355
" 24,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	75 00	357
" 28,	D. D. G. S. Norton, Arkansas.....	"	2 50	363
" 30,	Grand Lodge, Mississippi.....	"	60 00	364
"	Do. Delaware.....	"	15 00	365
"	Vermont Lodge, No. 2, Vt.....	"	3 00	367
"	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	"	32 50	374
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	20 00	390
Total for Cards.....			\$830 60	
22,	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania..... 1847	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00	258
23,	Do. of Tennessee.....	"	20 00	259
27,	Do. of Georgia.....	"	20 00	266
"	Do. of Dist. Columbia... 1846-7	"	40 00	267
20,	Do. of Maine..... 1847	"	20 00	298
22,	Do. of Ohio... 1848	"	40 00	336
"	"	"	345	
7,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	40 00	328
0,	Grand Camp. of Missouri..... 1847-8	"	40 00	312
2,	Grand Lodge of Ohio..... 1848	"	40 00	345
"	Grand Camp. of Pennsylvania.....	"	40 00	346
3,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	40 00	349
"	Do. of S. Carolina.....	"	40 00	360
"	Do. of Mississippi.....	"	40 00	364
"	Do. of Delaware.....	"	40 00	365
"	Do. of Michigan.....	"	40 00	371
"	Grand Camp. of Mississippi.....	"	20 00	374
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	40 00	380
"	Grand Camp. of Louisiana.....	"	20 00	388
"	Do. of Missouri.....	"	20 00	387
"	Do. of Kentucky.....	"	20 00	379
"	Grand Camp. of Maryland.....	"	40 00	390
Total for Representative Tax.....			\$700 00	
Grand Camp. of Maine.....	Balances.	\$30 00	298	
Do. of Virginia.....	"	17 75	341	
Grand Lodge of District Columbia.....	"	100 00	361	

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DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-PLACE-STATE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. V.
1848. Jun. 30,	Grand Encampment of N. J.	Balances.	\$53 25 372
"	Do. Maryland.	"	10 00 390
	Total Balance.		\$211 09
1847. Nov. 19,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.	Odes.	\$3 00 283
1848. Jan. 31,	Do. of Michigan.	"	4 00 305
Feb. 14,	Do. of Pennsylvania.	"	10 00 308
Apr. 5,	Bro. Jas. Thorington, Iowa.	"	62 324
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.	"	4 00 328
"	At office.	"	75 328
May 22,	G. Rep. J. P. Chapman.	"	75 334
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio.	"	10 00 335
June 28,	Do. of Kentucky.	"	2 00 349
" 30,	Do. of Virginia.	"	2 00 358
"	Do. of S. Carolina.	"	30 00 360
"	Do. of Delaware.	"	10 00 365
"	Ocean Lodge, Md.	"	75 368
"	Grand Lodge of Georgia.	"	1 00 380
"	Grand Camp. of Maryland.	"	2 00 390
	Total for Odes.		\$80 87
1847. Nov. 19,	12 mos. int. on Ohio State Stock, \$6,400 00	Miscell's.	\$384 00 284
1848. Jan. 6,	3 mos. do. on Maryland do. 3,274 46	"	49 12 296
May 9,	3 mos. do. do. do.	"	49 12 331
July 7,	3 mos. do. do. do.	"	40 94 350
"	12 mos. do. Ohio do.	"	384 00 351
"	Surplus credit G. L. of Delaware.	"	2 50 365
	Total for Miscellaneous.		\$909 68
	Total amount.		\$6,895 82

Supplementary Statement, showing the Receipts of the Grand Secretary after the termination of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 1848.

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. V.
1848. Sept. 16,	Grand Camp. of Indiana.	Warrants.	\$30 00 380
1848. Sept. 14,	Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas.	Dues.	\$11 00 396
" 15,	Halcyon Camp., Iowa.	"	10 35 397
" 18,	Reynolds Camp., Delaware.	"	30 15 414
"	D. D. G. Sire Ballou, for account of Sub- ordinate Lodges in Vermont as follows:		
"	Green Mountain Lodge.	"	21 84 415
"	Vermont, No. 2.	"	40 10
"	Windsor, No. 3.	"	30 85
"	White River, No. 4.	"	17 82
"	Wantastiquet, No. 5.	"	20 25
"	Caledonia, No. 6.	"	15 64
"	Social, No. 7.	"	6 54
"	Vergennes, No. 8.	"	18 74
"	Starke, No. 9.	"	32 67

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DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. V.
1. Sept. 18,	Otter Creek, No. 10.....	Dues.	10 05 418
"	Lake Dunmore.....	"	29 43.
"	Winoskie Camp.....	"	10 00.
"	Ascutney Camp.....	"	28 12.
" 20,	Lead Mine Camp., Illinois.....	"	12 48 424
"	Palestine Camp., No. 3, R. I.....	"	80 424
			\$346 83
Sep. 11,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	Rep. Tax.	40 00 394
" 14,	Grand Camp of Virginia.....	"	20 00 395
" 15,	do. of Indiana.....	"	20 00 399
"	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	40 00 400
"	do. of Maryland.....	"	40 00 401
"	do. of Alabama.....	"	40 00 402
" 16,	do. of Rhode Island.....	"	40 00 404
"	Grand Camp of New Hampshire.....	"	20 00 405
"	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	40 00 406
" 18,	do. of New Hampshire.....	"	40 00 407
"	Grand Camp of Massachusetts.....	"	40 00 408
"	do. of Michigan '47 & '48.....	"	40 00 411
"	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania '48.....	"	40 00 410
"	do. of Vermont '48.....	"	20 00 412
"	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	"	20 00 413
"	Grand Lodge of N. Carolina '48.....	"	40 00 415
"	Grand Encampment of N. Carolina '48... ..	"	20 00 416
"	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts '48.....	"	40 00 417
19,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	40 00 419
"	Grand Camp of do.	"	20 00 420
"	Do. Maine.....	"	20 00 421
"	Do. New Jersey.....	"	40 00 422
20,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	40 00 423
"	Grand Camp. of do.	"	20 00 423
"	Do. of Georgia.....	"	20 00 425
			\$800 00
15,	Grand Camp of Indiana.....	Cards.	\$25 00 399
"	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	115 00 401
"	Do. of Alabama... ..	"	26 00 402
"	Do. of Rhode Island.....	"	37 50 404
"	Do. of New Hampshire.....	"	30 00 407
8,	Grand Camp of Mass.....	"	35 00 408
"	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	75 00 409
"	Do. of Mass.....	"	150 00 417
9,	Do. Tennessee.....	"	40 00 419
"	Grand Camp. of New Jersey.....	"	17 50 422
			\$551 00
"	Grand Camp of Virginia.....	Books.	18 00 395
"	Do. of Indiana.....	"	90 00 399
"	Grand Lodge of Indiana (Digests.).....	"	250 00 400
"	Do. of Maryland.....	"	58 00 401
"	Do. Do. Digests.....	"	25 00 401
"	Do. of Alabama.....	"	76 53 402

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1848. Sept. 18,	Do. of Rhode Island (Digests.)	Books.	25 00	404
"	Grand Camp of New Hampshire.....	"	3 00	405
"	Grand Lodge of Do.	"	20 00	407
"	Do. of Pennsylvania (Digests.)	"	100 00	410
"	Do. Do. (Ch. Books.)	"	10 00	410
"	Do. of Mass. (Ch. Books.)	"	22 00	417
"	Do. Tennessee.....	"	172 25	419
" 19,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	25 25	423
"	Total,.....		\$895 05	
1848. Sept. 15,	D. D. G. S. A. B. Coieman, of Louisiana,	Balances.	\$120 00	399
"	Grand Lodge of Indiana,.....	"	125 00	400
" 16,	Grand Camp of New Hampshire,.....	"	40 00	405
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	37 50	419
	Total for balances,.....		\$322 50	
1848. Sept. 15,	Grand Lodge of Maryland,.....	Odes.	\$12 00	401
"	do. do. of Alabama,.....	"	8 00	402
"	do. do. of Ohio,.....	"	10 00	409
"	do. do. of Pennsylvania,.....	"	50 00	410
	Total for Odes,		\$80 00	
1848. Set. 5,	Grand Lodge of Maryland,.....	Diplomas.	\$10 00	401
"	Reynold Camp, Delaware,.....	"	1 00	403
"	Wm. Warren,.....	"	1 00	403
	Total for Diplomas,.....		\$12 00	

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	\$934 00
		Supplementary	- - - -	30 00
DUES,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	1267 93
		Supplementary	- - - -	346 83
REPRESENTATIVE TAX,	- -	Statement	- - - -	700 00
		Supplementary	- - - -	800 00
CARDS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	830 60
		Supplementary	- - - -	551 00
BOOKS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	1679 31
		Supplementary	- - - -	895 05
BALANCES,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	211 00
		Supplementary	- - - -	322 50
ODES, - - - -	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	80 87
		Supplementary	- - - -	80 00
DIPLOMAS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	354 25
		Supplementary	- - - -	12 00
MISCELLANEOUS,	- - - -	Statement	- - - -	909 68
		Supplementary	- - - -	21 50
		Total,	- - - -	\$9903 42

The Revenue for the current year, it will be seen, is less by the sum of \$436.36 than that of the last year.

The unappropriated available balance in the Treasury at the last session was \$5,305.08, of which amount, in obedience to the resolution directing the same, the sum of \$2,800 was invested as has already been stated, by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasury in State of Maryland six per cent bonds, a certificate for which, in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, amounting at par to \$3,274.46, was deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. The amount invested, \$2,800, was deemed by the Grand officers to be as much as could be safely withdrawn from the Treasury, in view of the disbursements necessary for printing the Journal, and printing and binding an edition of 10,000 copies of the Digest.

The supply of charge books, odes, cards and diploma charters, having been exhausted during the year, it became necessary to meet the wants of the Order, to replenish this stock; accordingly the undersigned contracted for printing 1000 copies of that work, also for printing 50,000 copies of the odes, 34,000 cards and seventy-five charters, or blank diplomas—all of which have been delivered and paid for.

The exercise of authority not clearly warranted by law is at all times an act of great responsibility, however unavoidable the necessity which may prompt it, and, unless restrained, is apt to grow into abuse. The undersigned would gladly be relieved from the necessity which imposes such responsibility upon him, and ventures to suggest that some legislation be adopted to avoid the exhaustion of supplies in the recess, and thus to remove all necessity for disbursing any of the funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States without special authority. In connexion with this subject, I beg to report, that the supply of Degree Books on hand will not suffice for the coming year.

All special appropriations made at the last session and the current expenses of the Grand Lodge have been discharged, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 13th September, 1848, of \$1,976.58, which will be considerably augmented by the receipts of the session.

The finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are in a prosperous condition. With a large property on hand, a respectable permanent investment, and a considerable outstanding indebtedness to her, she is comparatively free from debt. It may, therefore, in view of this exhibit of the finances of the Grand Lodge of the U. States, be supposed that a reduction in the revenue ought to be made. I deem it my duty on this subject to remark for the information of the Representatives, that the permanent fund of the G. Lodge of the United States has arisen principally from the sales of the Revised Work and the Digest of Laws, and not from the ordinary sources of revenue; that the charter and per centage fees from subordinates to this jurisdiction, which have heretofore formed a large source of revenue, will soon entirely cease.

The regular Tabular Statement accompanying the Report of the Cor. Secretary, made up from the Annual Reports of the State Grand Lodges, I regret to say, in consequence of the failure of three Grand Lodges to report, does not present even a proximate

exhibit of the work during the past year, or of the present actual strength of the Order.

The above comprising, it is believed, the various subjects upon which it is made the duty of the Cor. Secretary to communicate with the Grand Lodge of the United States, the undersigned, in closing his Report, begs to congratulate the assembled Representatives upon the continued prosperity of the Order, whose interests are by the constitution and laws entrusted to their keeping.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. & R. Secretary.

Documents accompanying Report of Grand C. and R. Secretary.

(DOCUMENT B.)

DUE BY STATE GRAND LODGES TO GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Massachusetts, Books,	\$16 00	Iowa,	Books,	\$20 00
New York, Balance,	\$196 38		Cards,	30 00
Cards,	250 00		Odes,	10 00
Books,	264 50		R. Tax, '48,	20 00
	710 88			\$80 00
Pennsylvania, Books,	100 00	Ohio,	Books,	192 00
Cards,	150 00	New Jersey,	Balance,	84 00
	250 00		Cards,	200 00
D. of Columbia, Balance,	4 00		Books,	80 00
Digests,	25 00		Digests,	125 00
Cards,	20 00		Odes,	4 00
R. Tax, '48,	40 00		R. Tax, '48,	40 00
	89 00			533 00
Louisiana, Cards,	50 00	Kentucky,	Cards,	75 00
Books,	20 00	Virginia,	Cards,	20 00
Odes,	12 00		Books,	1 00
	82 00			21 00
Illinois, Cards,	70 00	Indiana,	Cards,	70 00
Books,	40 00	Alabama,	Cards,	39 00
Digests,	87 50	North Carolina,	Books,	24 00
	197 50		Cards,	25 00
Connecticut, Balance,	60 00		Digests,	2 12
Cards,	195 00			51 12
Books,	96 50	Maine,	Cards,	50 00
R. Tax, '47,	40 00		Books,	23 00
Digests,	25 00		Digests,	38 50
	416 50		Odes,	2 00
Tennessee, Odes,	10 00		R. Tax, '48,	40 00
Diplomas,	75 00			153 00
	85 00	Michigan,	Cards,	1 25
Wisconsin, Diplomas,	25 00		Odes,	20 00
Books,	96 00			21 25
Cards,	67 50	Vermont,	Cards,	50 00
R. Tax, '47,	20 00		Books,	24 00
Odes,	10 00		Digests,	3 00
Digests,	50 00			77 00
	268 50			\$4,216 50

(DOCUMENT C.)

BY GRAND ENCAMPMENTS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE U. STATES.

New York	Books,	\$72 50	N. Carolina,	Books,	\$4 00
	Cards,	50 00		Diploma,	1 00
	Digests,	6 25		Cards,	2 00
	R. Tax, '48	40 00			\$7 00
		\$168 75	Maine,	Balance,	36 00
Pennsylvania,	Books,	36 00	Indiana,	Cards,	5 00
ucky,	Bal.	97 87	Michigan,	Books,	42 50
	Cards,	15 00		Diplomas,	10 00
	Books,	12 00		Cards,	15 00
		124 87			67 50
rolina,	Cards,	2 50	Tennessee,	Books,	24 00
Columb.,	Cards,	12 50		Cards,	30 00
	R. Tax, '48	20 00			54 00
		32 50	Alabama,	R. Tax, '48.	20 00
					<u>\$630 47</u>

INSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.

Lodge of Iowa.—This body was instituted at Bloomington, May 1st, 1848, and the following officers installed: J. W. Gardner, M. W. G. M.; Amos Mathews, R. W. D. G. M.; S. J. Formack, R. W. G. Warden; Richard Cadle, R. W. G. Secretary; Joseph Eudgeman, Treasurer.

Encampment of Louisiana.—This body was instituted at New Orleans, on February 1st, and the following officers installed: Rev. Charles W. Whitall, M. W. G. P.; Henry L. M. E. G. H. P.; George Hooper, R. W. G. S. W.; H. W. Olmstead, R. W. G. S.; E. W. G. T.; H. P. Andrews, R. W. S. W.

Encampment of Alabama.—This body was instituted at Mobile, June 13th, 1848, and the following officers installed: Robert O. Shaw, G. P.; Wm. E. Jennings, M. E. G. H. P.; Hansford, G. S. W.; Samuel Penny, G. Scribe; Sol. J. Jones, G. Treasurer; Robert J. Warden.

Encampment, No. 1, Texas.—This Encampment was instituted November 23d, and the following officers installed: James Brown, G. P.; L. P. Sunberg, H. P.; William S. W.; William M. Casper, J. W.; J. J. Mills, Scribe; Oscar Farish, Treasurer; J. S. Squire, Sentinel.

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the year ending June 30, 1848.

LODGES.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expositions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordi- nate Lodges.	Contributing Mem- bers.	No. of Brothers Re- lieved.	No. of Widowed Pa- trons Relieved.	No. of Brothers Bu- ried.	Amount paid for Re- lief of Brothers.	Amount paid for the Relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for the Education of Or- phanes.	Amount paid for bu- rying the dead.	Total Amount of Re- lief.
G. L.	Maryland.....	Md.....	46	1632	423	16	757	15	\$56,841 43	7,570	1456	145	61	\$1,371 72	\$5,987 03	\$3,733 44	\$3,978 03	\$7,420 22
"	Massachusetts.....	Mass.....	124	1137	938	30	1108	6	93,043 12	12,356	1348	167	98	27,301 85	1,589 81	60	4,618 75	33,570 81
"	New York.....	N. York.....	351	9060	490	93	1366	9	28,446 33	15,062	1249	167	71	46,310 19	6,283 03	940	5,632 91	59,067 04
"	Pennsylvania.....	Pa.....	308	7647	1004	72	2828	14	173,311 58	25,083	4319	908	206	51,170 64	5,946 48	263	10,561 91	67,642 06
"	Dist. of Columbia.....	D. of C.....	13	138	110	12	253	1	6,616 57	1,367	170	7	3	2,255 96	527 62	179	250 72	2,932 54
"	Delaware.....	Del.....	16	443	51	7	107	8	6,238 56	1,037	170	7	3	2,152 96	106 93	8	250 00	2,569 91
"	Ohio.....	Ohio.....	111	1907	49	144	421	...	62,388 01	8,067	1257	58	32	16,322 70	834 87	19	1,693 83	18,860 79
"	Louisiana.....	New Orleans.....	22	566	47	2	142	8	27,774 49	1,594	181	3	32	4,511 38	130 00	...	1,470 16	6,408 55
"	New Jersey.....	Trenton.....	80	1877	136	26	619	10	44,453 40	6,177	773	16	31	10,460 88	171 00	218	1,563 04	12,155 16
"	Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	50	959	35	13	419	6	31,515 00	2,435	218	17	24	5,139 52	198 75	322	1,459 30	7,083 27
"	Virginia.....	Richmond.....	65	1502	228	26	567	9	47,046 30	4,137	589	64	25	6,183 94	1,301 69	986	1,107 84	9,540 32
"	Indiana.....	Madison.....	60	754	...	10	341	...	26,156 85	2,273	24	2	8	4,060 81	...	103	900	5,178 85
"	Mississippi.....	Natchez.....	33	571	38	15	229	8	18,906 45	1,306	101	3	6	1,664 07	52 12	334	440 00	2,490 19
"	Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	33	540	60	10	317	7	17,088 96	1,525	174	23	15	2,471 70	684 36	179	86	3,690 94
"	Illinois.....	Peoria.....	40	823	55	17	180	5	15,651 87	1,720	171	25	13	1,900 45	274 38	50	100	2,385 90
"	Connecticut.....	New Haven.....	55	1128	159	12	280	8	31,329 13	5,517	735	29	41	10,688 64	567 72	10	52	12,738 17
"	Tennessee.....	Nashville.....	28	508	17	7	206	3	21,278 13	1,871	185	10	11	2,228 08	323 15	116	36	3,148 59
"	Texas.....	Galveston.....	3	51	15	3	17	2	1,588 51	1,323	37	4	3	466 45	141 90	...	90 00	700 65
"	South Carolina.....	Charleston.....	17	277	11	94	157	5	13,428 61	1,659	194	36	16	3,653 84	1,745 57	649	44	6,444 35
"	Alabama.....	Mobile.....	18	550	21	6	125	4	13,353 95	1,146	102	8	17	1,400 91	185 16	912	10	2,545 32
"	North Carolina.....	Wilmington.....	18	322	32	7	97	5	8,345 67	1,022	75	4	7	819 00	114 00	123	50	1,004 50
"	Georgia.....	Savannah.....	27	550	199	3	146	4	17,373 55	1,890	165	13	37	9,590 69	500 50	186	53	4,077 23
"	Maine.....	Portland.....	53	903	144	23	362	4	27,671 35	5,611	286	14	14	10,076 44	378 90	11	50	1,393 07
"	Rhode Island.....	Providence.....	13	118	48	141	131	...	6,519 53	1,618	250	3	18	4,538 39	361 30	...	590 00	5,409 89
"	New Hampshire.....	Concord.....	23	341	71	40	173	4	5,463 85	2,191	296	3	18	4,598 84	43 77	...	788 71	5,920 35
"	Michigan.....	Detroit.....	36	787	62	...	158	5	17,819 10	2,305	295	7	10	2,957 44	105 00	6	03	3,649 17
"	Wisconsin.....	Milwaukee.....	27	952	51	8	97	9	5,173 27	1,234	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,198 13
"	Vermont.....	Montpelier.....	13	108	2	6	37	1	2,535 34	605	84	...	4	1,992 98	...	...	165 00	1,457 98
"	Iowa.....	Bloomington.....	4	31	2	...	9	...	1,176 68	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Arkansas.....	...	5	29	...	...	...	...	1,048 24	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Florida.....	...	1	28	...	...	...	...	174 12	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Honolulu.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Venezuela.....	...	1713	22860	4401	7861	1747	174	8673,413	12	10307	15306	1709	946,228,140	46,27,053	41	42,549	26,400,145

* Nov. 1, 3 and 4 only reported.

**ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W.
Grand Lodge of U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1849.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Subor- dinate.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue of Su- bordinates.	Contributing Members.	Relief.
C. E. Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	Md.....	9 217	28			\$5,999 39	1,0 2	\$4,085 50
" Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	79 1211	45 1			20,514 28	3,846	5,933 50
" New York.....	New York.....	N. York	54 410	81 2			1,205 12	2,189	2,469 13
" Ohio.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	23 422	1 4			8,016 07	1,227	1,402 84
" New Jersey.....	Newark.....	N. J.....	21 254	19 1			3,634 16	639	814 57
" Connecticut.....	New Haven.....	Conn.....	15 172	13 2			2,501 30	549	61 00
" Virginia.....	Alexandria.....	Va.....	16 217	24 4			4,008 73	708	1,187 59
" South Carolina.....	Charleston.....	S. C.....	4 16	1 3			529 59	187	141 00
" Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	Mass.....	23 238	5			8,058 01	1,777	2,507 33
" Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	15 152	5 1			2,241 79	459	No Rept.
" Maine.....	Portland.....	Me.....	12 113	11			2,326 32	631	6 8 12
" New Hampshire.....	Dover.....	N. H.....	6 8	7			1,364 01	342	223 64
" Michigan.....	Kalamazoo.....	Mich.....	13 155	11			2,662 95	398	112 00
" Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	6 70	4			1,081 54	163	1 00
" Dist. of Columbia.....	Washington.....	D. of C.....	5 97				1,366 52	340	415 00
" Tennessee.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	8 97				2,316 02	271	115 00
" North Carolina.....	Wilmington.....	N. C.....	6 50				848 88	166	No Rept.
" Georgia.....	Marion.....	Ga.....	6 30				722 24	314	"
" Mississippi.....	Natchez.....	Miss.....	7 47				1,110 93	171	18 00
" Indiana.....	Indianapolis.....	Ind.....	12 91				1,393 76	273	78 00
" Louisiana.....	New Orleans.....	La.....	5 123				2,398 00	283	No Rept.
" Alabama.....	Mobile.....	Ala.....							
" Delaware.....	Wilmington.....	Del.....	4 60				797 97	120	"
Narragansett.....	No. 1, Providence								
Mashamuck.....	" 2, "								
Palestine.....	" 3, Newport...	R. I.....	3 37				867 58	336	510 70
Allen.....	" 4, Quincy.....								
Lead Mine.....	" 5, Galena.....								
Wellons.....	" 6, Belleville.....								
Mt. Vernon.....	" 7, Beard's Wn.....								
Union.....	" 8, Collingville.....								
Ridgely.....	" 9, Jackson's.....								
Chicago.....	" 10, Chicago.....	Ill.....	10 22				461 55	59	
Alton.....	" 11, Mt. Carmel.....								
Rock Island.....	" 12, R. Island.....								
Waukegan.....	" 13, St. Charles.....								
Winneke.....	" 1, Montpelier.....	Verm't.	3 36				381 23	38	"
Acutey.....	" 2, Windsor.....								
Green Mountain.....	" 3, Middleburg.....								
Wisconsin.....	" 1, Milwaukee.....								
Wilson.....	" 2, Southport.....								
Rock River.....	" 3, Racine.....	Wis'n.	5 43				659 46	85	"
Star.....	" 4, Janesville.....								
Walworth.....	" 5, Whitewater.....								
Haleyon.....	" 1, Dubuque.....								
Eureka.....	" 2, Burlington.....								
State.....	" 3, Davenport.....	Iowa...	6 16				212 00	29	
Prairie.....	" 4, Bloomington.....								
Good Samaritan.....	" 5, Iowa City.....								
Iowa.....	" 6, Fairfield.....								
Love Star.....	" 1, Galveston.....	Texas...	1 1				274 50	3	
Eagle.....	" 1, Helena.....	Ark.....	1 2				70 00	11	

338 4439 235 27 488,023 71 18,916 520,700 82

* No reports.

† Instituted since session of G. L. of U. S.

Comparative Progress of the Order, 1847—1848.

Year.	Lodges.	Increase.	Revenue of Lodges & Camps.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Relief by Lodges & Camps.	Increase.
1847 1392			\$888,605 07		118,961		\$302,213 41	
1848 1713	321	961.436 12	472,831 05	122,697	3,736	327,242 37	24,998 96	

Note.—This table, by reason of the incompleteness of the New York returns, does not exhibit the real progress of the Order during the past year.

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

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1847.			
Sept. 23,	To cash on hand.....	\$6,206	79
1848.			
Sept. 13,	Do. received from G. Secretary.....	6,926	24
	Total.....	<u>\$13,133</u>	<u>03</u>

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1847.			
Sept. 22,	By cash to J. G. Treadwell, traveling expenses.....	\$40	00
" 25,	" H. R. Kneass, G. S. do.....	25	00
" "	" S. Skinner, do. Marshal....	25	00
" "	" Expenses of committee on Digest.....	700	00
" "	" T. G. Sherlock, G. S., traveling expenses.....	139	40
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for papers and ice.....	9	00
" "	" J. D. McCabe, G. Chaplain, expenses.....	68	00
" "	" S. L. Harris, G. Guardian, do.	20	00
" "	" J. A. Kennedy, for blank book.....	1	25
" "	" J. M. Conlan, for printing cards.....	317	25
" "	" A. Case, traveling expenses.....	50	00
" "	" do. do.	4	81
" "	" N. A. Thompson, D. G. S., traveling expenses.....	60	00
" "	" G. Liese & A. Buckenburger, for German work.....	150	00
" "	" L. Jones, G. Guardian, for expenses.....	12	00
" "	" E. B. White, painting.....	100	00
" "	" J. Afron, for postage.....	4	00
" "	" Sherwood, for printing.....	2	50
" 27,	" D. D. G. S. Wilson, for postage, 1846-7.....	17	50
" 28,	" J. M. Anderson, for engraving desks.....	36	00
" "	" J. J. Johnston & Holliday, balance on desks....	177	00
Oct. 2,	" J. E. Chamberlain, postage, expens. and freight.....	34	63
" 9,	" Discount on \$660 uncurrent funds.....	10	83
" 16,	" J. H. Barnes, for Venitian blinds for G. S.....	7	00
Nov. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain, postage and freight.....	19	45
" "	" J. Young, for printing....	287	18
" 30,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage and insurance..	15	22
Dec. 2,	" J. Lee, for State of Md. stock.....	2,800	00
" 11,	" J. Young, for plates and printing.....	192	75
" 16,	" J. E. Chamberlain, one quar. salary as Messenger.....	100	00
" 21,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec....	300	00
" 28,	" P. Smick, for printing cards.....	71	05
1848.			
Jan. 3,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage and freight.....	21	26
Feb. 1,	" do do do.	11	25
" 14,	" Gihon & Curtis, for printing Journal.....	465	96
" "	" do. for box do.	3	04
" "	By counterfeit note on Massillon bank, Ohio.....	1	00
" "	By discount on \$146 uncurrent funds.....	2	61
" 21,	By cash to Gihon & Curtis, for printing.....	294	04
" 23,	" B. F. Zimmerman, for filling charters.....	6	00
" 28,	" D. J. Gihon, for binding.....	450	00
Mar. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for traveling expenses.....	49	00
" 6,	" D. J. Gihon, for binding.....	281	53
" 7,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec....	\$300	00
" 10,	" J. E. Chamberlain do. do. as Messenger..	100	00

Mar. 22,	By cash to Charter fee of Iowa returned.	80 00
" 23,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for Journal.	101 20
Apr. 3,	" do. for postage, &c.	24 00
" 4,	G. A. Cassileon, for Cards.	232 42
" 11,	J. J. Johnston, in part for chairs.	200 00
" 14,	C. G. Graham & Co. draft protested.	75 00
" "	do for protest.	0 97
" 29,	E. Winchester, draft protested.	50 00
" "	Protest on do.	1 00
May 2,	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec.	10 61
" 5,	S. A. Sands, for printing cards.	118 50
" "	F. Lucas, for paper.	54 02
June 1,	S. A. Sands, for retouching plate.	50 00
" 8,	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as Secretary.	300 00
" 10,	for discount on draft from Missouri.	2 75
" "	for freight from Philadelphia.	1 95
" 13,	for discount on draft from Illinois.	0 60
" 26,	J. E. Chamberlain, one quar. salary as Messenger for discount on \$156 uncurrent funds.	100 00
" "	Curtis & Norcross, for printing Odes.	3 57
" "	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Secretary.	250 00
July 7,	for discount on \$450 uncurrent funds.	18 29
" 28,	J. J. Johnston for chairs.	4 87
" "	L. Bonsal, for binding.	889 00
Aug. 15,	J. Young, for printing.	234 21
" "	for discount on draft.	200 62
" 29,	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec.	0 60
" 31,	S. A. Sands, for printing cards.	21 92
Sept. 2,	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec.	300 25
" 4,	J. E. Chamberlain, do. do. as Messenger.	300 00
" "	J. W. Bond, for stationery.	100 00
" 18,	A. E. Warner, G. Treasurer.	101 93
" "	for discount on uncurrent funds.	100 00
" "	on hand.	1 60
		<hr/> 1,976 00
		<hr/> \$13,133 03

Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, moved that P. G. C. H. Mann, of Pennsylvania, P. G's Swann and John M. Walker, of Maryland, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

On motion of Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That P. G. P. Allan Brinsmade, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Hawaii, be admitted to the floor of this Grand Lodge, in consideration of his representing the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in that distant region of the world.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, a committee of three was appointed to examine into the qualifications of Bro. P. G. Brinsmade, and if found correct, to introduce him to the lodge.

The chair named Reps. Parker, of New Hampshire, Robinson, of Virginia, and Sessford, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, moved that P. G. M. J. D. Cordova, of Texas, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body, which was agreed to.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as correct, the certificate of Past Grand Lucius A. Thomas, representative from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

For the committee.

JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.

On motion, the Grand Lodge, by unanimous consent, agreed to postpone the special order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Deferred Business.

Rep. Parker, from the committee appointed to examine P. G. Brinsmade, reported him to be correct, and formally introduced the brother to the lodge.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. S. Glazier, to amend article xxi, page 50, Digest of Laws, report:

That the reasons which exist why the first officers of a new lodge should be entitled to certain official degrees can rarely operate in the case of a revived lodge. In the former case the body is composed of new materials, who have had no opportunity of performing certain duties by which those honors are obtained, while in the latter the old material must necessarily exist before reaction can obtain. They therefore recommend that the alteration should not be made.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report the amendment proposed by P. G. S. Glazier to the 21st section of the Digest, article iii, it was agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to amend the form of funeral regalia by adding thereto a white apron, report:

That the amendment proposed would have little effect other than adding to the expense already incurred by the Subordinate Lodges in procuring funeral regalia. They therefore recommend that the same be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to alter the term of Subordinate Lodges to three months, and of Reps. Ramsdell, of Michigan, and Smith, of Maine, to extend the term for the same to one year, report:

That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on page 1066 of the session of 1847, so entirely sets forth the reasons why the present term of six months should remain unaltered, as to warrant the present committee in doing nothing further than to refer to and reiterate the same.

One member of the committee (the member from Pennsylvania) desires to say, that in the conscientious discharge of his duty to this body, he has felt bound to concur with his colleagues in the foregoing report, reserving, however, to himself the privilege of performing what he equally considers a duty, when the vote shall be taken. The majority of his immediate constituents desiring a repeal, he will feel called upon to vote for the same.

The committee append a resolution expressive of their views.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,

PETER FRITZ,

G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate in reference to the term of Subordinate Lodges.

A division of the question being called, the question was put upon the adoption of the report of the committee, which was agreed to.

The question recurring upon the resolution accompanying the report, it was resolved in the affirmative—the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Baker, Ballou, Brown, of N. H., Burr, Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Deering, (2 votes) DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Green, Griffin, Haines, Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, McKee, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes) Ramsdell, Read, Ridgely, (2 votes) Rosborough, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Tewksbury, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes) Treadway, Wakefield, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—49.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Bond, Boak, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Conrad, Forman, Fritz, Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Holmes, Lott, Merrick, Moffett, Moore, Patten, Roberts, Robinson, Sessford, Taylor, of Ill., Towers—23.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the D. D. Grand Sires, report:

That they have examined the same, and find in them nothing requiring the action of this body. They therefore recommend said reports be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from Montivallo Lodge, No. 19, of the State of Alabama, report:

That they cannot see any impropriety in the prayer of the petition being granted by the proper authority; but inasmuch as it is a subject which should properly be decided upon by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, as the legislative head of the Order within that jurisdiction, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, report:

That the subject of relief to traveling brothers is one of much interest to the Order at large, and concurring in the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, that some general law is needed to meet the exigency of the case, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That when a brother in distress, and bearing a proper card, has been relieved, it shall be the duty of the lodge or encampment of which such brother is a member, to refund the amount advanced, upon being notified thereof, as provided in section 5, article viii, division 2, of the Digest of Laws; provided, however, such amount shall not exceed the relief which the lodge relieving would grant to one of its members.

On motion of Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, to lay the resolution accompanying the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "laws" in the fourth line of the resolution.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, to postpone the resolution indefinitely, it was resolved in the affirmative.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, obtained leave to record his vote in the affirmative on the resolution, that it was inexpedient to legislate upon the terms of Subordinate Lodges, reported by the Committee on the State of the Order, and adopted by the lodge.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Amongst the papers referred to the Committee on Petitions are some documents relating to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, on the subject of the removal of the seat of that body—an act that was conditionally authorized by a resolution of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (page 1095.)

In pursuance of the authority granted by this law, the Grand Lodge of Alabama, by a majority of one vote, passed a resolve that its sessions should be held at Montgomery, instead of Mobile. Previously to taking a vote on this resolution, the Grand Master decided that it would involve an alteration of the constitution; to alter which it was necessary that a proposition should pass through the forms of being submitted at one regular session, and receive an approving vote of two-thirds at another regular session.

In view of this obstacle, the Grand Officers deem the resolve for removing the Grand Lodge, which received only a majority vote, to be inoperative, and the position thus assumed by them induced the passage of another resolution, requesting the Grand Lodge of the United States to sanction and confirm the resolution first mentioned, which proposes to remove the Grand Lodge to Montgomery, contrary to a constitutional provision, and against which all the officers and a large number of Past Grands protest.

There being the points briefly stated, your committee, looking to the general policy of this Grand Lodge in enforcing constitutional compacts rather than encouraging their violation, have come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, was not apprised of the obstacle presented by the constitutional provision, and did not, by its permissive law in the case, contemplate the annulment of any part of the organic law of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Your committee, therefore, are of opinion that the seat of that Grand Lodge ought not to be changed, unless done in pursuance of its constitution, or of some special law of this body designed to remove the existing difficulty; and respectfully ask a concurrence in this opinion.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report that during the recess the executive officers have granted warrants authorizing the opening of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, as follows:

Subordinate Lodges.

Manitou Lodge, located at Tipton, Iowa.

Henry Lodge, Iowa.

Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas.

————— Lodge, No. 4, Batesville, Arkansas

Otumwa Lodge, No. 9, Otumwa, Iowa.

Leon Lodge, No. 9, Talahassee, Florida.

Subordinate Encampments.

————— Encampment, Collingsville, Indiana.

Sirian Encampment, No. 11, Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Sussex Encampment, Georgetown, Delaware.

————— Encampment, Jefferson county, Wisconsin.

Chicago Encampment, Illinois.

————— Encampment, Marion, Alabama.

Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Mount Hobah Encampment, Gainesville, Alabama.

Green Encampment, No. 6, Alabama.

Rock River Encampment, No. 3, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Middleburg, Vermont.

Mount Vernon Encampment, No. 7, Beardstown, Illinois.

Manchester Encampment, No. 4, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Iowa Encampment, No. 6, Fairfield, Iowa.

Halcyon Encampment, No. 7, Prattsville, Alabama.

State Encampment, No. 2, Davenport, Iowa.

Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Windsor, Vermont.

Star Encampment, No. 3, Racine, Wisconsin.

Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Bloomington, Iowa.

The warrants in each of the above cases having been granted on due application, and in pursuance of law, the Committee on Petitions recommend that the issuing of the warrant in each case be confirmed

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, presented an application from the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, praying a remittance of dues from its subordinates, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, presented the petition of Wm. Vandever, and of seven others, for a Subordinate Encampment in Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, on the subject of the relative powers of the State Grand Lodges and the Grand Sire of this body, beg leave to report said memorial back to this Grand Lodge, with a recommendation that it be referred to the committee to whom was committed so much of the annual report of the Grand Sire as relates to the same subject, the questions at issue not properly being a subject for the consideration of the Committee of Appeals, unless that part of the Grand Sire's report should be sent to the same committee.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
HENRY HOLMES,
W. H. MCKEE.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom were referred the appeals of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Templar Lodge, No. 16, from certain legislative action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, make the following report:

The question at issue is thus presented through a preamble and resolution, adopted by Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to wit:

"WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana has adopted a constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges within her jurisdiction, and requires of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to surrender the constitution she is now working under, and to receive and be governed, from and after the 1st of July next, by the constitution adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, and

"Whereas Crescent Lodge, No. 8, is now working under a constitution duly and regularly approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which constitution, it is not pretended, does in any wise conflict with, or is contrary to, the very letter of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State, under whose jurisdiction she exists, nor of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor of any of the usages of the Order; therefore,

"Resolved, That Crescent Lodge, No. 8, respectfully appeals from the action had by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, on the ground that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana has no right to take from this Lodge, without her consent, a constitution regularly adopted by this Lodge, and duly approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge, unless said constitution conflicts with the laws or general usages of the Order."

According to the law of the Digest, division iii, article 2, page 45, each Grand Lodge is the grand legislative head of the Order in its jurisdiction. It may enact laws for the government of its subordinates.

The same authority, (page 47) declares that Subordinate Lodges are restricted to the exercise of powers conferred by their charters and the laws of the several Grand Lodges under which they exist. They have no legislative power whatever, except to make *by-laws* for their own internal government.

Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States may adopt a constitution, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, or may act directly under the general laws pre-

scribed by the Grand Lodge, as they may elect. (*Digest*, page 48.) By analogy, it follows that subordinates in State jurisdictions hold the same relation to State Grand Lodges, and State Grand Lodges to them, exercising legislative powers so far only as may be necessary for the limited sphere in which they act.

It therefore appears clear to your committee that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana did not transcend its legitimate authority by their enactment of a uniform constitution for the government of its subordinates. The right so to legislate is clearly vested in Grand Lodges, and has for several years been exercised in several States without question. The exercise of the power can only be checked by considerations of expediency, to be judged of by the Grand Lodges themselves, and by the obligation to conform, in all their legislation, to the superior enactments of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee not only believe the conclusions they have arrived at to be legally correct, according to the dictates of the *Digest*, but further, that no hardship or injustice can consequently be inflicted upon subordinates. Every subordinate is, or can be, represented in the Grand Lodge to which it is subject, and wield therein its rightful degree of general legislative power and influence; and if, in spite of this, real injustice should be inflicted by enactments wrong in principle and contrary to the spirit of our institution, a certain remedy is afforded through an appeal to this tribunal.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the resolution appended.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. MCKEE,
HENRY HOLMES.

Resolved, That the appeals of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Templar Lodge, No. 16, against the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be dismissed.

Rep. Chapman, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and agreed to:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of "P. G." Wood, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, beg leave to report:

It appears from the facts before your committee that at a meeting of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, July 13, 1848, pending a certain discussion, a motion was made to adjourn, (the intention of the mover being, we presume, to close the lodge regularly.) The Noble Grand decided said motion to be out of order. An appeal being taken from his decision, it was sustained by the Lodge. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and that body decided that the action of the Subordinate Lodge and its Noble Grand had been erroneous, a motion to adjourn being in order,

In the document before your committee no reason is given to justify the original decision of the Noble Grand of Crescent Lodge, and your committee cannot perceive any just cause for reversing the

decision of the Grand Lodge upon the subject. They therefore submit the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
HENRY HOLMES,
W. H. MCKEE.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, upon the appeal of "P. G." Olmsted, of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, be sustained by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, that the order of the day be discharged, and be made the order of the day for 1 o'clock this day, it was agreed to.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS certain matters of difference between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New Jersey were referred back to said Grand Lodges by this Grand Lodge at its last session; and whereas the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has instructed its Representatives to bring the matter again before this Grand Lodge: therefore,

Resolved, That the said matters be referred to a special committee of three.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution, it was agreed to.

The chair named Reps. Wakefield, of New Jersey, Marley, of Maryland, and Dickson, of Delaware, as the committee.

The chair named Rep. Merrick, of Kentucky, on Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the evidence taken by the committee in the New York case be printed with their report, for the use of this Grand Lodge

Past Grand Sire Kennedy moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution,

Rep. Winder, of Michigan, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the New York question and testimony, when taken in full, be printed under the direction of the committee.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, accepted the amendment, and the question being on the resolution as amended,

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which was not seconded.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Wakefield, as amended by the resolution of Rep. Winder, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges have and possess power to publish the Odes for the use of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following amendments to the by-laws, which were ordered to lie on the table for one day, under the rule:

Resolved, That article xix of the by-laws be amended, by striking out the words "his expenses shall be paid by his Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Resolved, That the following be and is hereby established and enacted as the xxxvii by-law of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

Amend article xii constitution, so as to add the following:

5. The expenses of Representatives and officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the said Grand Lodge. The said Grand Lodge shall allow to each such Representative and officer _____ cents per mile, for each mile actually travelled by such said Representative or officer, in going to and returning from the said sessions. The distance to be computed so that it shall not exceed the number of miles of the United States Mail routes from the residence of the said Representative to the seat of government of this body. And there shall be also further allowed to the said Representatives and officers _____ dollars per day during the session of the Grand Lodge—*Provided, however*, that nothing contained in this law shall be so construed as to allow to the said officers and Past Grand Sires any compensation whatever, in the form of travelling expenses or per diem allowance, for attending the sessions of this body.

Resolved, That the following be, and is hereby established as the xxxvi by-law:

A special tax shall be levied upon the several State Grand Lodges and Encampments, in ratio of the representation that they may be entitled to in this Grand Lodge; to be devoted exclusively to the payment of the expenses and allowances guaranteed by the xxxvii by-law to Representatives. The said levy shall be made by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for such sum as may be actually necessary to defray the contemplated expenses. The estimate of the sum necessary shall be based upon a computation of the distance from the seats of government of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments to the seat of government of this body, and for a session of the Grand Lodge of _____ days.

The said estimate and levy shall be made on or before the first Monday of May annually, and during that month the Grand Secretary shall notify the several Grand Lodges and Encampments of the sum required from each in conformity with this law.

Resolved, That the following be, and is hereby established as the xxxix by-law: The compensation to be allowed to the officers of this Grand Lodge, shall be as follows:

1. M. W. Grand Sire— _____ cents per mile for the distance travelled by him on the business of the Grand Lodge, and _____ dollars per day when in attendance on the sessions of this body.

2. R. W. D. G. Sire—Same as the Grand Sire.

3. R. W. Grand Secretary— _____ dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

4. R. W. Grand Treasurer— _____ dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

5. R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Grand Guardian— _____ cents per mile distance travelled attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and _____ dollars der day during the session.

6. Grand Messenger— _____ dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

7. The salaries of the officers of this Grand Lodge shall not be increased or decreased during the term of an officer.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following amendment to the Digest, which was, on motion, ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the following be, and is hereby established as section 6, article xii, division 1, of the Digest:

Sec. 6. All printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States to State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be sold them at an advance on the actual cost of such article of not exceeding _____ per cent.

Resolved, That the clause, "Nor can they lawfully enter into correspondence with each other, without the consent and approval of their Grand Lodges," in Sec. 3, Art. iii., Division 3 of the Digest, be and it is hereby repealed.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Roberts, of Illinois, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Green, of Ohio, presented the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Roberts, of Illinois, presented the application of Lebanon Encampment, of Illinois, now defunct, praying a restoration of charter. Referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved a reconsideration of the vote directing the printing of the report and evidence of the committee on the New York case, which was not agreed to

On motion of Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the annual report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be referred to a select committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The chair named Reps. Allen, of Pennsylvania, Tewksbury, of Maryland, and Harris, of Delaware, as the committee.

Rep. Disoway, of North Carolina, presented the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, and Rep. Gallaher, of Virginia, in regard to the funeral regalia, report:

That for the reasons stated in the report of the same committee on the resolution offered by Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to legislate further upon the subject of funeral regalia.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows:

Resolved, That all the existing laws on the subject of funeral regalia be and are hereby repealed, and that State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be left to pass such laws on the subject as may be adapted to their own wishes and views, and the state of public sentiment which may prevail in their several jurisdictions.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the regalia prescribed by the Order as Odd-Fellows' regalia may be worn instead of, or in connection with the funeral regalia prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the respective State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may determine.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, accepted the amendment of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, and the question being on the amendment of Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, as now perfected, it was adopted. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Ballou, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Conrad, Forman, Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes) Moore, Mott, Parker, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Rosborough, Roberts, Sessford, Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Whitall, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier—41.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Deering, (2 votes) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Fritz, (2 votes) Griffin, Haines, Lott, McKee, Moffet, (2 votes) Morton, Page, Patten, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., Thomas, (2 votes) Treadway, (2 votes) Wakefield, Winder, Woodward; P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—35.

Whereupon, on motion, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, to inquire into the expediency and propriety of requiring the work of the Order throughout the United States, to be transacted in the English language, report: That, in consequence of the large number of lodges throughout the Union working in languages other than the English, a number so large as to warrant this body at various times in ordering editions of the work published in such languages, it is inexpedient to alter the existing regulation upon the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Moffet, of Missouri, that the Past Official Degrees be abolished, report:

That said degrees being the honors awarded for services rendered, should, in the opinion of the committee, be retained; they therefore recommend the resolution should not be adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Deferred Business.

The first subject reported by the committee being under consideration, to wit, the resolutions of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, recorded at page 1086 vol. ii Journal, in words following, to wit:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, in the assertion of its legitimate prerogatives, does not claim the right to the exercise of despotic and illimitable authority, except in so far as relates to the peculiar work of the Order, the necessity of perfect uniformity in which work is self-evident, and which uniformity can only be attained and enforced by the direction of this body.

2d. That we recognize the power of State Grand Lodges so to shape their legislation in regard to minor particulars of municipal and police regulations, and in all measures not conflicting with the principles necessary to secure the integrity and due authority of this Body, as to them may seem proper and expedient, and as in their just and deliberate judgment may appear to be required by the true interest of the Order within their respective jurisdictions.

3d. That the Subordinate or common Lodges of the several jurisdictions possess certain rights, of which they cannot be lawfully divested. That the chief of these rights is involved in the fact that they comprehend and embrace the constituency by whose fiat is created the members of the superior Lodges of the States and Territories, and finally of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that therefore they, as the said Subordinate or common Lodges, are of right entitled to be considered as the true root of the Order, and the original source of sovereign power and authority, within the limits prescribed and defined by their respective Constitutions.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject, upon which motion he called the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Boak, Brown, of N. H., Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Lott, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes) Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Page, Patten, Ridgely, Robinson, Rosborough, Sessford, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes) Winder, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Wilkey, Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—44.

NAYS.—Reps. Ballou, Bond, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Chapman, of Indiana, (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Forman, Fritz, Gallaher, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, McKee, Parker, Read, Roberts, Spooner, Taylor, of Illinois, Thomas, (2 votes) Wakefield, Whittall, Woodward—30.

The resolutions were accordingly indefinitely postponed.

The second subject reported by the committee, being amendment proposed by Rep. Clarke, of New Jersey, to article i, constitution, page 1123, as follows:

Amend article i of constitution, page 15, bottom line, after the words "Odd-Fellowship," add, "that the unwritten work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended, except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge—and the written Work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., it was postponed and made the order of the day for Friday, at 10 o'clock.

The third subject was considered, being proposed amendment of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, to article viii of the constitution, page 1031 of Journal, as follows:

Article viii, amend so as to read, "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively, on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, except Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, who shall ever be entitled to his single vote."

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Bond, Brown of Miss., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Torre, Forman, Green, Knight, (2 votes) Lott, Moffet, Mott, Page, Parker, Read, Rosborough, Roberts, Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Thomas, (2 votes) Wakefield, Woodward—26.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Baker, Ballou, Brown of N. H., Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes) DeSaussure, Dickson, Dissosway, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Kneass, McKee, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes) Moore, Morton, Parmenter, (2 votes) Patten, Ridgely, Robinson, (2 votes) Sessford, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith of Ten., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes) Whitall, Winder, Zimmerman—45.

So the amendment was rejected.

P. G. Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy and Hopkins, being respectively called, declined voting.

By unanimous consent of the Lodge, Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That all forms of prayer heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge for the use of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments, except the prayers laid down in the Charge Books, be and are hereby repealed.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The next subject reported by the committee was considered, being the proposition of Rep. Hough, of Virginia, to amend Article xi of the Constitution, page 1099 of Journal, as follows:

That article xi of the constitution be amended by striking out the word "annually" in the first line and insert "every fourth year."

The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Thorington—3.

NAYS.—Allen, Anderson, Ballou, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Dissosway, Forman, Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, (2 votes,) Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, McKee, Marley, Merrick, (2 votes,) Moffet, Moore, (2 votes,) Morton, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, (2 votes,) Rosborough, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thomas, (2 votes,) Towers, Treadway, Wakefield, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman. P. G. S. Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—70.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

The next subject reported by the committee, being proposed

amendment to the constitution of Rep. Dimon, of New York, to article xiv, page 1070 being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That the amendment proposed to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge by Rep. Dimon, and which appears on the Journal of the last session, at page 1070 having been previously made at the session of 1845, as appears by the Journal of that year, pages 684 and 748, no action is necessary thereon.

The next subject reported by the committee was considered, being amendment proposed by Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, page 1070 Journal, as follows:

Amend the article of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, on the subject of sending Representatives to foreign jurisdictions, by inserting after the second word of the new article the word "previous."

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Allen, Anderson, Ballou, Boak, Bond, Brown of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Deering, DeSaussure, Dickson, Disosway, Forman, Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, McKee, Marley, Merrick, Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Rosborough, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Theobald, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes,) Treadway, Wakefield, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Perkins, Glazier, Hopkins—64.

NAYS.—None.

Whereupon the Chair declared that the amendment was adopted, and forms a part of the Constitution.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Capt. Josiah Sturgis, of the Revenue service of the United States, be and he hereby is allowed and invited to visit this Grand Lodge and take a seat within its bar.

The report of the Committee on Deferred Business being again taken up, the amendment proposed by Rep. Coffin, of New York, to the by-laws, article viii, page 1034 Journal, vol. ii, was considered, when on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, it was ordered to lie on the table.

The Lodge then considered the amendment proposed by Rep. Neally, of Maine, to article xix of the by-laws, page 1099, which was, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, indefinitely postponed.

The next subject reported by the committee, being additional by-laws offered by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, page 1103, it was on motion of Rep. Torre, ordered to lie on the table.

The next and last subject reported by the committee, being proposed amendment to the Digest, article xi, division 15, 16, page 1115, vol. ii, it was, on motion Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 21, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the officers and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Sessford, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificate of the following representative as correct: Grand Encampment of Delaware, P. G. Henry F. Askew.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. E. PARMENTER
JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.,
N. R. RAMSDELL.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, relative to the power of presiding officers of Grand, Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to introduce visitors into such bodies prior to their opening, upon being satisfied of the admissibility of said visitors, report:

That the whole tenor of the laws relative to visitors, and the adoption of a working system with which they shall be received, seem to contemplate the reception of said visitors in open lodge. The committee are also of opinion that, as a precautionary measure, the regulations now in force should be retained. They therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry presented by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, relative to the honors which should belong to a Grand officer who resigns his office before the expiration of his term, report:

That by voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of a station, an officer forfeits the honors thereof, and the successor who fulfils the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, to repeal or amend section 15, article ii, division 2, of the Digest, report:

That the subject has already been acted upon by this body, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, that Grand Lodges and Encampments shall have the power to hold their sessions at such place or places within their several jurisdictions as they shall from time to time determine, report:

That by an adopted report, on page 659 vol. ii of the Journal of this body, the Grand Lodge refused to recognize the existence of movable lodges or encampments, whether Grand or Subordinate; they therefore recommend the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, as to the power of a State Grand Lodge or Encampment to suspend a Subordinate without giving it an opportunity of trial, report:

That it has been so decided on page 812, vol. ii of the Journal of this body, but, in the language of that report, such conduct would be contrary to the spirit of the Order, and a harsh exercise of power.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Abell, of Connecticut, whether a lodge can reject an applicant for membership on account of his religious belief and practice, report:

That the qualifications for membership are distinctly set forth in section 9, article iii, division 3 of the Digest, from which it appears that, while no peculiar religious persuasion is requisite for admission into the Order, so also none disqualifies.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Patten, of Georgia, relative to the expediency of so amending the laws of the Order as to give jurisdiction to lodges or encampments, for a certain time, over members holding withdrawal cards, and also upon the competency of C. P. or N. G. to officiate at the installation of their successors, report:

That since the right of leaving the Order is well established, and one so retiring has no claim upon the Order for benefit or protection, it would be inexpedient to amend the existing law so as to render him liable to penalty, while he experienced no corresponding good. By the existing law a withdrawal card may be declared void for good cause, existing at the time of granting the card, but not discovered until after it has been delivered. And that, in regard to the second proposition, the necessities of the case may sometimes require a C. P. or N. G. to install his successor, he is therefore competent to do so in the absence of the Grand Master or his deputy, and of all Past Grands.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, directing the committee to report the law governing benefits to members depositing their cards, and taken sick or dying before the period prescribed for becoming entitled to benefits, report:

That the law of the lodge in which the card has been deposited is that which should prevail.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to the inquiry presented by Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, as to the legality of an enactment of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, prohibiting the reception of applications for membership from persons residing remote, report:

That the enactment is not only legal, but highly commendable, from the prudential spirit which it exhibits.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, relative to the competency of a State Grand Encampment to confer the encampment degrees upon scarlet members, to enable said members to petition for a charter, report:

That by section 3, article 1, division 4, of the Digest, it appears a Grand Encampment can only work in the Grand Encampment degree; it would, therefore, be incompetent to confer the encampment degrees

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, proposing to amend section 8, article iii, division 3 of the Digest, by allowing the name and number of defunct lodges and encampments to be given to others at the expiration of three years, report:

That the regulation which it is proposed to change, besides being one of the oldest in our Order, has been found to operate beneficially as a stimulant for exertion in reviving defunct lodges. The committee can see no benefit in the proposed change; they therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to alter the existing law.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, relative to the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State upon the power of a Subordinate Lodge, remitting initiation fees, and the difference of decision upon such point between the Grand Lodges of Indiana and Ohio, report:

That by a resolution adopted by this body, at the session of 1844, and to be found on page 665, vol. ii of the Journal, this whole subject would appear to belong to the legislation of State Grand bodies; and as each is supreme within its own jurisdiction, their decisions, however contradictory, must be binding upon themselves and their subordinates. They therefore recommend that no further legislation be had in the matter.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, relative to the right of a Past Noble Grand to act as Past Grand, report:

That section 20, article iii, division 3 of the Digest fully explains what tour of duty shall constitute a Past Grand, while the adopted report, on page 1113, vol. ii of the Journal prescribes the duty of the Junior Past Grand.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, relative to the certificates which should be required by State Grand Lodges before conferring upon Past Grands the several degrees, report:

That the amount and character of the evidence which should be required by State Grand Lodges before conferring the several degrees, is a matter of legislation which can properly be decided by the State Grand Lodges alone; they therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, relative to an amendment of section 6, article vii, division 2 of the Digest, and also relative to the subject of allowing cards to be granted during the recess of a Subordinate Lodge, report:

That the alteration proposed seems highly inexpedient, and in the opinion of the committee, should not be adopted; and that the allowing cards to be granted during the recess, would not only conflict with the decision of this body, as expressed on page 1085, vol. ii of the Journal, but is also in opposition to section 2, article vii, division 2 of the Digest. They therefore recommend that no further legislation be had upon the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, whether the existing laws require a brother desirous of resuming membership in the Order to deposit his card in the nearest lodge to his residence, report:

That there is no direct law upon the subject, but from the analogy of the case, the card should be deposited in the lodge nearest his place of residence, but should there be several lodges at equal or nearly equal distances from his residence, the option in which to deposit his card would undoubtedly remain with him.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry presented by Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, whether an officer in an encampment vacates his seat by withdrawing his card from a Subordinate Lodge, even if he deposit his card within one month thereafter, report:

That section 7, article ii, division 4 of the Digest, declares the connection between a member and his encampment is at once severed by his taking a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge, and although his membership is revived by the deposit of his card within one month, still his connection having temporarily ceased

with the encampment, his office could not remain in abeyance, and is, therefore, vacated.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, relative to the right of Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their representatives, report:

That the doctrine of instruction seems to be an incident of representative bodies, and is applicable to this as to any other legislative body so composed; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of State Grand Lodges and Encampments to instruct their Grand Representatives in matters pertaining particularly to said lodges and encampments, it also deems the doctrine of instruction in matters of interest to the entire Order throughout this jurisdiction as highly inexpedient.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, with accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Deering, of Maine, to inquire into the expediency of providing that Subordinate Encampments shall be officially informed of the suspension or expulsion, and reinstatement of members of Subordinate Lodges who are also members of encampments, report:

That the providing of such a law seems not only expedient, but urgently called for by the wants of the Order; they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Subordinate Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the inquiry submitted by Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, relative to the power of a Grand Master, Grand Patriarch or Grand Representative to communicate the travelling password, report:

That sections 2 and 3, article vi, division 2 of the Digest fully sets forth who shall receive said word.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Anderson, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the petitions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, praying that a portion of the dues paid into this Grand body be refunded, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adversely.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Rep. Whitall moved the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Grand Recording Secretary is hereby authorized in the settlement of the accounts with the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, to deduct the ten per cent. from the first of January till the end of the term.

Rep. Ballou moved further to amend as follows:

That one hundred dollars of the dues paid by the Subordinate Lodges of Vermont to this Grand Lodge be returned to the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Ballou, it was not agreed to.

The amendment moved by Rep. Whitall was not agreed to. The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Reports and Returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to whom the several reports were referred, beg leave to represent that they have examined the following, and give the result as below:

GRAND LODGES.—Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee, correct with the exception that the names of Grand Officers are not returned.

Pennsylvania and Virginia—fully correct.

Connecticut—incorrect in not having returned the names of Grand Officers, and of suspended and expelled members. Report received by the Grand Lodge this morning, Sept. 21, 1848.

Iowa—report not in.

District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina and New Hampshire, incorrect in not having reported the names of Grand Officers, and of suspended and expelled members.

Delaware—report from April 1, 1847, to June 30, 1848, names of officers not given.

Indiana—names of officers and of Past Grand Masters not returned.

Maine—report from May 3, 1847, to May 3, 1848, names of officers and suspended and expelled members omitted.

Rhode Island—names of officers and Past Grand Masters not reported.

New York—not yet in.

Texas—report from April 1, 1847, to March 31, 1848; names of officers not given.

Vermont—report from January 1, 1848, to June 30; names of officers and suspended and expelled members not reported.

Wisconsin—report from Jan. 1, 1848, to July 1; no relief report.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—Arkansas—Far-West, No. 1, reports from Sept. 6, 1847, to June 30, 1848; detailed relief report omitted. Tel-lula, No. 2, relief report wanting. Frontier, No. 3, for term ending June 30, 1848, no relief report.

Florida—Florida, No. 1, term ending Dec. 31, 1841, no relief report. Jefferson, No. 3, term ending Dec. 31, 1847, relief report omitted. Pensacola, No. 4, term ending Dec. 31, 1847, number of Past Grands not given, and no relief report.

Iowa—Washington, No. 1, and Davenport, No. 7, without seal, and no relief report. Harmony, No. 2, correct. Keosauqua, No. 3, Jefferson, No. 4, Muscatine, No. 5, and Kosciusko, No. 6, relief reports omitted.

Vermont—Green Mountain, No. 1, White River, No. 4, Caledonia, No. 6, and Stork, No. 9, correct. Vermont, No. 2, Windsor, No. 3, Wantastiquet, No. 5, Social, No. 7, Vergennes, No. 8, and Lake Dunmore, No. 11, no relief reports. Otter Creek, No. 10, without seal.

Wisconsin—Sinsinawa, No. 16, no relief report.

Sandwich Islands—Excelsior, No. 1, reports for quarter ending March 30 and Dec. 31, 1847, correct.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.—Pennsylvania, correct. District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, South Carolina and Virginia, names of Grand officers not reported. Connecticut, no relief report, and officers names not reported.

Georgia—from July 1, 1847, to Dec. 31, names of officers omitted and no relief report.

Indiana and Missouri—names of officers not given, relief report not full.

Michigan—from February 4, 1847, to June 30, 1848, names of officers omitted, relief report not full.

Mississippi—from January 17, to June 30, 1848, names of officers not given.

North Carolina—names of officers not reported, no relief report.

New York—The committee have one report, signed by T. Davids, G. P., and J. J. Davies, G. Scribe, and a second signed by J. G. Reed, G. P., John L. Von Boskerck, G. Scribe, both with the same seal apparently, and correct in form.

New Hampshire—names of officers and Past Grand Patriarchs omitted.

Ohio—from June 5, 1847, to June 3, 1848, otherwise correct.

Tennessee—from Sept. 1, 1846, to July 1, 1848, no relief report, and names of officers not returned.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.—Arkansas—Eagle, No. 1, no relief report.

Delaware, No. 1—without relief report. McDonnell, No. 2, Reynolds, No. 3, detailed reports not given; the latter without seal.

Louisiana—Wilkey, No. 1, correct. Hobah, No. 3, Magnolia, No. 4, and La Solle, No. 5, no relief reports.

Illinois, No. 3—report from January 1, 1847, to March 20, 1848, no relief report; a memorandum is on the report, representing that the charter was surrendered to D. D. Grand Sire W. Duane Wilson, March 20, 1848. Allen, No. 4, correct. Lead Mine, No. 5, no relief report.

Indiana—Bethlehem, No. 3, generally informal and incomplete. Sherlock, No. 4, without seal and informal. Wabash, No. 6, correct.

Iowa—Halcyon, No. 1, no relief report.

Mississippi—Wilkey, No. 1, Vicksburg, No. 2, and Tombigbee, No. 6, correct. Choctaw, No. 3, not in form. Woodville, No. 4, no relief report.

North Carolina—Columbia, No. 4, without seal, otherwise correct.

Rhode Island—Narraganset, No. 1, and Masshassuck, No. 2, relief report not full; the other without seal. Palestine, No. 3, correct, except that the last report is without seal.

Texas—Lone Star, No. 1, correct.

Vermont—Ascutney, No. 2, without seal, and no relief report.

Wisconsin—Wisconsin, No. 1, and Wilson, No. 2, no relief reports. Star, No. 4, without seal, and no relief report.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. SPOONER,
ROBERT S. HARRIS,
H. L. PAGE.

On motion of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, to postpone that part of the report which refers to New York, it was agreed to.

The residue of the report was then adopted.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence have had the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary placed in their hands. We beg leave to report: That all the matters contained in the documents submitted to us, have either been definitely acted on or referred to appropriate committees.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. PARKER,
SAMUEL READ,
TOWNSEND P. ABELL.

Rep. Chapman, from Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the memorial of Jacob Morrill, Richard Smith, Albert Morton, Luther L. Cheney, Samuel H. Batchelor, Edmund Hoffman and Mark Ayers, members of a late Subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, known as Arwames Lodge, No. 37, beg leave to report that the facts of the case, as stated by the memorialists, are as follows:

That previous to the August session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 1848, Arwames Lodge, No. 37, was working under a regular charter from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

That at that session the appeal of Nelson Burr, an expelled member of the said subordinate, from the action of the said Arwames Lodge, came up for hearing, and was referred to a committee, upon which the said committee made the following report:

"That they have duly considered the matters and charges brought in said lodge against Bro. Nelson Burr, and find, from investigation, (without expressing any opinion upon the merits of the charges preferred against Bro. Nelson Burr) that, in the opinion of this committee, the said lodge proceeded irregularly and unconstitutionally in the trial of the said charges originally preferred, inasmuch as by the record before your committee, there was no copy of the charges, or notice of the time of trial, served upon Bro. Burr, as is provided by the constitution. And your committee would further report that, from the investigation of the papers, your committee feel constrained to report that, in their opinion, the ground upon which Bro. Nelson Burr was expelled was insufficient and unconstitutional, and would, therefore, report that the appeal of Bro. Nelson Burr be sustained.

"Your committee cannot dismiss this matter without expressing their deep indignation at the plot formed for the purpose of entrapping the brother, whom your committee, from circumstances, are led to believe were at the time connected with the lodge, and that Bro. Burr is highly censurable for his conduct in the matter; and in consideration of these circumstances, your committee would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. Nelson Burr be sustained, and that the decision of the lodge below be, and the same is hereby reversed, and Bro. Burr be reinstated.

Resolved, That Arwames Lodge, No. 37, be directed and the same are hereby ordered, to prefer, in due form, charges according to the circumstances against all brothers who were originally implicated in any way in the plot, or in aiding its consummation.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

That the Grand Lodge of New Jersey adopted the first resolution, and that whilst the second resolution was under consideration the following was offered as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized and directed to demand from Arwames Lodge, No. 37, their charter, books, papers, &c."

Your memorialists would further represent that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, without any charges made against her subordinate, and without any notice to her, or any trial whatever, passed the resolution last named, thereby expelling the said Arwames Lodge from the Order. Your memorialists would further represent that they have delivered up their effects, according to the demand of the aforesaid resolution and law of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Master of New Jersey.

They therefore respectfully appeal to the Grand Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, expelling the said lodge.

The certificate of the Grand Master, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, stating that Arwames Lodge had complied with the requirements of this Grand Lodge by a surrender of its effects into the possession of the Grand Master, in order to qualify itself to make this appeal, was also before your committee.

In addition to the facts thus stated, and which appear to be authenticated, your committee also listened to statements relative to the matter in question, from Reps. Wakefield and Read, for and against Arwames Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. So far as your committee are able to judge, from the evidence thus before them, they are constrained to conclude that the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was legal and regular up to the time of their action upon the report of their committee upon the appeal of Nelson Burr, but that, in adopting the resolution offered as a substitute for the second resolution of their committee, the effect of which was the suspension or expulsion of Arwames Lodge without a fair hearing and trial, upon charges preferred against it, according to the requirements of law and justice, the Grand Lodge acted with unwarrantable precipitancy. The requirements of the law are too plain upon this subject to admit of doubt, and the spirit of our institution, touching the same subject, are equally unequivocal. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. McKEE.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be directed to reinstate Arwames Lodge to its regular standing; and that it be further directed, should it

think proper, and should any charges of misconduct be preferred against said Subordinate Lodge, to investigate and decide upon the same in the manner prescribed by law.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the same for approval.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct, and recommend the same for approval.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, report:

That they examined, find the same correct so far as it goes, and recommend the same for approval; but, at the same time, your committee would suggest the propriety of the Grand Encampment of Maryland enacting some constitutional provision for the election of a Grand Representative to this Lodge.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, submitted the following report, with accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama for examination, report:

That they have examined, find the same correct so far as it goes, and recommend the same for approval. Your committee would suggest the propriety of the Grand Encampment of Alabama adopting some constitutional provision providing for the election of a Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee beg leave to state that the copy of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Alabama submitted to them is very imperfect, being an altered copy of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, and the alterations and additions being in some instances in pencil mark, have made it difficult to discover the meaning of the Grand Encampment of Alabama; in view of these difficulties, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Resolved, That all constitutions submitted to this Lodge shall be a fair and legible written or printed copy of the constitution adopted by the Grand or Subordinate Lodges submitting the same.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G's Jacob Morrill and Richard Smith, of New Jersey, be admitted upon the floor of this Grand Lodge to witness its deliberations.

Rep. Disosway, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved That P. G. O. W. Telfair, of North Carolina, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

Rep. Towers, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, with the accompanying resolution:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, respectfully report:

That, after due consideration of said memorial, they consider it unnecessary to suggest any action in relation to confirming the original proceedings of that lodge, inasmuch as that matter was disposed of by this Grand Lodge at its last session.

That the committee also consider it unnecessary to suggest any action in relation to the appointment of a special deputy for the establishment of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, inasmuch as the consideration of that subject properly belongs to the committee already appointed by this Grand Lodge in relation to the subject of "establishing lodges on the Pacific Coast."

That, in relation to the request in said memorial to remit the percentage due to the G. L. U. S., from Excelsior Lodge, the committee recommend the remission thereof, from the date of the institution of said lodge to the 1st day of January, 1850.

The committee consider this no more than right—said Excelsior Lodge has, in addition to the expenditure of its own revenues, in benefits and incidental expenses, raised many hundred dollars for the relief of distressed members of the fraternity and their families.

That, in relation to the aid sought by that lodge from the Order in this country, to enable them to erect a suitable hall, the committee, in view of the peculiar embarrassments inevitable to so isolated a position; the continual and heavy drafts on their treasury in behalf of distressed mariners and others frequenting that great thoroughfare; the limited means of a lodge never probably to exceed in number one hundred resident members, feel disposed to give it their most favorable consideration. There are, in the course of every year, between six and seven hundred arrivals of American ships, principally whalers, almost every one of which has on board some members of the Order from various sections of this country.

They are chiefly engaged in that branch of commercial enterprise peculiarly exposing them to accidents, and must, for many years to come, resort to Honolulu for relief, which cannot be extended to them in a public hospital with that kindness and sympathy so grateful to an invalid. The promptitude and liberality with which aid has in many instances been afforded by Excelsior Lodge have already predisposed the community throughout the Islands, including the civil authorities, to regard with great partiality the benevolent purposes of the institution.

The committee, therefore, considering the permanent and respect-

able establishment of that lodge as equivalent to the establishment, in a broad sense, of the principles of the Order in that most important geographical position, sincerely and cordially commend the interests of Excelsior Lodge to the favorable consideration of the brotherhood throughout the country. They do not consider it advisable to advance the desired aid from the funds of this Grand Lodge, but respectfully propose a means which they think will secure for our brethren in Honolulu ample and efficient assistance.

They, therefore, submit the following resolution and recommend the adoption:

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. C. ROBINSON
J. T. TOWERS,
WM. W. KNIGHT.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to issue as soon as practicable, a circular to all the Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, soliciting contributions for the purpose of erecting an Odd-Fellows' hall in the town of Honolulu, Oahu, in the Sandwich Islands; that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to receive such contributions, and so soon as a sufficient amount shall have been received, he shall be authorized, in conjunction with a committee of two, to purchase the materials and procure work necessary for the erection of said hall, in conformity with a plan to be approved by them; and forthwith to ship the same to the care of Charles Brewer, 2d, and for the use of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in Honolulu.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, by striking out all that part which requests the Grand Corresponding Secretary to issue a circular to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and to substitute therefor a direction that the Corresponding Secretary shall issue a circular to the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, through the State Grand Secretaries and Scribes, requesting these bodies to consider the subject favorably.

The committee having accepted the amendment of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, special Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of British North America, made the following report:

I. O. O. F.

*To the Most Worthy Grand Sire
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of British North America, having performed the duties pertaining to that appointment, begs leave to submit his report. Before entering upon the report, your Representative requests you to accept his grateful acknowledgment of the honor done him by yourself in his nomination, and by the exalted body over which you preside, in advising and consenting thereto.

Pursuant to your instructions, I proceeded to the City of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, and on the third Tuesday in August had the pleasure of meeting the R. W. body to which I was

accredited, assembled in Annual Communication. My credentials were received, and by unanimous vote I was acknowledged as the Representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. After an interchange of salutations I presented an address, with which you specially charged me, and delivered copies of our Journals and our Digest of Laws. I ask permission to append a copy of the address presented. During this ceremony the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America was upstanding, and the acceptance of your presents by that distinguished body was declared by M. W. Grand Sire Montizambert, in a response highly laudatory of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and happily expressing the warm affection cherished by our Canadian brethren for the body from which they received the charter of their existence as an independent sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship. The Representatives in attendance greeted me in the most cordial manner, and the attention then paid me was followed by unremitting kindness during the entire period of my sojourn among them. At their evening session, Tuesday, 15th August, P. G. Sire Kennedy, of this Grand Lodge, who had visited them by special invitation, gave instructions in the work of the Order, at their request. It was exceedingly gratifying to your Representative to observe the great uniformity in the practice of the work in the two jurisdictions.

The business of the session was exclusively local. No subject arose which, from a connection with the stipulations of this charter, or a bearing on the general welfare of the Order, either required or authorized the interposition of your Representative. I, therefore, did not participate in any of their deliberations.

My mission being closed, I took leave of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and have brought with me deep impressions of respect for its officers and members. The idea of an interchange of Representatives was fortunately conceived, and so long as the system shall prevail, the strong bonds which already unite the Odd-Fellows of Canada and the United States will remain unimpaired.

At the conclusion of this report, it becomes me to express my grateful sense of the fraternal treatment I experienced. From all the brethren with whom I was temporarily associated, I received evidences of fraternal feeling, but to the Grand Officers, Grand Representative Montgomerie, and Past Grand Representatives Dunkin, Whitney, and Campbell, I am especially indebted for constant courtesy and marked attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Special Grand Representative.

I. O. O. F.

The Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America,"

IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the Most Worthy "Grand Lodge of British North America"—Send Greeting :

Accept the assurance of our affectionate regard and sincere hope that the spirit and influence of our institution may be cherished and felt in an equal degree in the two jurisdictions, whose subsisting bond of union we pray may be perpetual.

Sensible as we are of your correct and full understanding of the vast responsibilities of your position, and aware also of your deep concern and anxiety upon all subjects connected with the humanizing and redeeming enterprise in which all of us are engaged, we can rely with an unwavering confidence upon the continued dispensation on your part of those cardinal virtues of our common nature which constitute the broad basis upon which has been erected the temple of our fraternity.

Our beloved brother, James L. Ridgely, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America, has been appointed a special Grand Representative by the said Most Worthy Grand Lodge, to the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British North America, and we trust he will be acknowledged accordingly.

Given at the Odd-Fellows' Hall, in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, United States of America, this 1st day of August, 1848, and of our Order in the United States, the 30th.

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, the report was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the journal.

Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the establishment of the Order on the Pacific Coast, and certain papers in reference to the Order in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, respectfully report:

They concur fully in the estimation in which this subject is held by the M. W. Grand Sire, and through the papers placed in the hands of the committee, are gratified to find a most suitable opportunity to carry out, in a satisfactory manner, the object referred to, should the G. Lodge view favorably the G. Sire's recommendation. As to the propriety of such an extension as has been recommended,

the committee believe it to be incumbent upon us to spread the glorious principles of our Order "to all parts of the earth," whenever a favorable and suitable opportunity may be offered. The committee have learned that P. G. and P. C. P. Alex. V. Fraser, of the District of Columbia, at present the Chief of the Revenue Service of the United States, is about to depart, in pursuance of the orders of the Government, for the Coast of California and Oregon, on the Pacific Ocean, to establish the Revenue System in those extreme sections of our country; and that, should it be the pleasure of this body to intrust to his hands the establishment of the Order in those sections, he will feel it an incumbent duty to give to the object his best energies, and most careful and parental attention. The duty assigned him by the Government, requiring his frequent presence at every settlement along that extensive coast, his high character as a citizen, his devotion and qualifications as an Odd-Fellow, possessing as he does every degree known to the Order, affords an opportunity which may not be presented again to accomplish this most desirable object.

From certain papers from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, the committee have also learned that Bro. Ten Eyck, the present D. D. Grand Sire for the Sandwich Islands, is about to return to the United States, and has probably, ere this, started upon his voyage, and believing that some officer having general powers should be selected to supervise the Order there, and as it would be convenient for the brother above designated to execute that duty, recommend that such course may be taken, in order that no conflicting powers may be exercised. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

JNO. T. TOWERS,
JNO. SILSBY,
JNO. WINDER.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be, and he is hereby empowered, to appoint (should he be satisfied with his character and qualifications) P. G. and P. C. P. Alex. V. Fraser, of the District of Columbia, a Special Commissioner, with full powers to establish and supervise the Order in California and Oregon, and in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge, and that said Special Commissioner be required to report to this body, at its annual sessions, the state and condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, with such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem beneficial to its interests.

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully recommend the confirmation of the warrants issued during the recess for instituting the following Subordinate Encampments, viz:

Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Galveston, Texas.

Eureka Encampment No. 2, Burlington, Iowa.

Good Samaritan Encampment, No. 5, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Committee also recommend that so soon as the requirements

of the law be complied with, a warrant be granted to Wm. Vandever, W. T. Norris, S. G. Stein, John A. Boyd, Robert Wilkinson, N. B. Buford, C. Brooks and Henry Powers, for instituting Rock Island Encampment, No. 13, to be located at Rock Island, Illinois.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the memorial of S. A. Holmead, J. S. Rogers, Eli Cook, Isaac Lindsay, M. Reeves, M. F. Wickersham and John W. Boyd, being a part of the members of Lebanon Encampment, located at Springfield, Illinois.

This Encampment is now under suspension for non-payment of dues. The amount in arrears, according to the statement of the memorialists, is \$29.00. They relate, with much particularity, the unpropitious circumstances which originally prevented their success and compelled them to close their camp, and express a confident opinion that there now exists a much more favorable opportunity for success, which, with their past experience, will enable them to maintain an Encampment with advantage to the Order; they therefore petition for the remission of the amount due and the reinstatement of their camp.

In view of the uniform action of this Grand Lodge, for some years past, in declining to remit dues, your committee cannot recommend a compliance with the first part of the prayer of the petitioners. They do recommend, however, that upon the payment of the dues in arrears, the said camp be reinstated; or, if it be more agreeable to the petitioners, that the Executive Officers of this body be directed to grant them a warrant for a new camp, on the payment of the usual fee therefor.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed to report a plan for the classification of Representatives, and mode of drawing for their terms of service, offer the following report:

1. The Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to two members, shall constitute the first class.

2. The Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to one member, shall constitute the second class.

3. Ballots to the number of fifty, shall be prepared, one half of which shall bear the word "one," and one-half the word "two," and the same shall be placed in a box and upon the table of the Grand Secretary.

4. The Grand Secretary shall then call the name of the first Representative of each Grand Lodge on the list herewith presented, and the Grand Marshal shall draw from the box a ballot; if the same shall bear the word "one," the term of such representative shall be for one year, and the term of his associate shall be for two years. And if the ballot shall bear the word "two," then the term of such representatives shall be for two years, and the term of his associate for one year.

5. The same course shall be pursued with regard to representatives from Grand Encampments of the first class.

6. In case that one representative only appears from a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment entitled to two members, his name shall be called, and his term of office shall correspond with the number on the ballot drawn.

7. The name of the first named representative on the list of representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments entitled to one representative, shall then be read, and a ballot in like manner be drawn. If the ballot shall bear the word "one," then the term of the representative called shall be for one year, and the term of the representative second upon the list shall be for two years; and *vice versa* if the ballot bear the word two. The third name shall then be called and a ballot drawn, and the same course shall be followed until the list shall have been disposed of.

8. Each ballot drawn shall be returned to the box, when it shall have been read.

Your committee are of opinion that a strict construction of the law passed at the last session makes it absolutely necessary that the term of service of representatives to this Grand Lodge be decided in the lodge by lot; that after such decision the representative upon whom devolves a service of two years, becomes the legitimate representative of his Grand Lodge or Encampment; that a declination of service must be made only to the body he represents, and that no arrangement can be made between representatives in relation thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COLE,
JOHN H. WAKEFIELD,
A. TREADWAY.

Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with instructions to distribute the subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, report as follows:

To the Committee on Finance so much as relates to translating the work into French and Spanish; so much as relates to investment of surplus funds; so much as relates to excess of expenditure for chairs; so much as relates to price and revision and reprint of Journal.

To a special committee of three so much as relates to printing the Journal and printing generally, to report this session.

To the Committee on the State of the Order so much as relates to violation of the laws with regard to printing odes.

So much as relates to correspondence to Committee of Correspondence.

WM. M. ALLEN,
G. D. TEWKSBURY,
ROBERT S. HARRIS.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of P. G. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Master of Virginia, respectfully report as follows:

A petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, asking for a charter for a new lodge; P. G. Rogers, one of the representatives of Union Lodge, No. 7, in that Grand Lodge was a signer of the petition. When the vote by lodges was called upon the granting the charter, the Grand Master decided that P. G. Rogers was disqualified from casting the vote of Union Lodge in consequence of his being a signer of the petition, basing such decision upon the 22d rule of order for the government of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which says "no member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately or personally interested," from which decision the appeal is taken. Your committee are of the opinion that a petitioner to a Grand Lodge for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, who has complied with the requisitions of the law, is not entitled to a vote upon any question in the Grand Lodge, for the reason that accompanying the petition must be the withdrawal cards of the petitioners from their Subordinate Lodges, which severs their connection with and disqualifies them from voting in the Grand Lodge.

But in the investigation of this matter your committee find that P. G. Rogers had not withdrawn from his Subordinate Lodge, and was a competent and legal representative in the Grand Lodge, and are of the opinion that he was entitled to vote upon any question of general interest to the Order, and his being a signer to the petition, under the circumstances, does not disqualify him from voting on the question under the 22d rule of Order. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HOLMES.
J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. MCKEE,

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were recommended the report presented yesterday in relation to the amendment proposed by P. G. Sire Glazier, to sec. 21, art. 3, div. 3, of the Digest, with instructions to report said amendment, report:

That they can see no ground for changing their opinion as expressed in said report, but in accordance with the instructions of this G. Lodge, they submit the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That sec. 21, art. 3, div. 3, of the Digest, be amended by inserting the words "or revived" after "new" in the fourth line.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, that all forms of prayer heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, for the use of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, except the prayers laid down in the charge books, be repealed, report:

That no forms of prayer, beside those laid down in the charge books, have been adopted by this Grand Lodge, with the single exception of a form of prayer for funeral services, on page 94 of the Digest, and that the use of this form is left optional, the only requisition being, that if any form is used, that laid down in the Digest shall be used. The committee are of opinion that this single form of prayer meets with much general approbation; they therefore recommend that the same be retained.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of W. J. Baxter, Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, upon the decision of the Grand Master (which was sustained by the Grand Lodge) as to a question of voting, ask leave to report:

A resolution was pending before said Grand Lodge in these words, viz: "*Resolved*, That the memorial of P. G. Cleaveland be returned

to him, with this expression of the views of the Grand Lodge—that Adrian Lodge has, upon again tendering him a card of clearance as of the date when applied for, done all that was necessary on the part of said Adrian Lodge in the matter, and that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed;" which resolution was offered as a substitute for one before pending.

The representatives of lodges No. 5 and No. 7, in accordance with article iv, section 3 of the constitution of said Grand Lodge, page 29 of copy herewith forwarded, called for a vote by representatives on the resolution.

The vote had been taken, and the result announced by the Secretary to the Grand Master, but not yet by the Grand Master announced to the lodge, when Rep. Platt called for the ayes and noes by members, as distinguished from ayes and noes by representatives—claiming the right to do so under No. 18 of rules of order, page 38 Proceedings of Grand Lodge, herewith forwarded.

Grand Secretary Baxter raised the point of order that, under the constitution, article iv, section 3, all votes, except on election of Grand Officers, must be taken by representatives of lodges when called for, as had been done in this case by the representatives of two Subordinate Lodges, and that the ayes and noes must be counted by representations, and not by members; and further, that it was too late to call for the ayes and noes by members, even if otherwise correct, after the vote had been taken in a different manner, and nothing remained but for the Grand Master to declare the result.

The Grand Master decided that the call for the ayes and noes was in order, and that it was not too late at any time before the result of the vote had been declared by the Grand Master.

Grand Secretary Baxter appealed from the decision of the chair.

Rep. Platt called for the ayes and noes by members on appeal.

Before they were ordered, lodges No. 5 and No. 7 called for the vote by representations.

The Grand Master decided that a vote by representations could not be taken if the ayes and noes by members on the call of Rep. Platt were ordered, and that his call had precedence.

Whereupon the vote on the appeal was taken by ayes and noes of members, and the decision of the Grand Master was sustained by the Grand Lodge.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan provides that all questions before the Grand Lodge, except those of removal from office, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present, unless when the representatives of two subordinates require the vote to be taken by representatives, &c.—*Art. iv, Sec. 3, clause 1.*

The 18th rule of order of the said Grand Lodge provides that on the call of one-fifth of the members present the ayes and noes shall be ordered and recorded.

Your committee do not deem that any conflict need necessarily arise under these provisions. The only question is as to relative

precedences; and your committee have no difficulty in deciding that the course prescribed by the constitution properly should take precedence, and overrule that prescribed by the rules of order, provided that the demand authorized be made before the intervention of other business.

The Grand Master, therefore, erred in deciding that a call for the ayes and noes, as provided for by the rules of order, had precedence over the call of a vote by representations, as provided for by the constitution, which your committee regard as the only important point at issue. They offer for adoption the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
HENRY HOLMES,
W. H. MCKEE.

Resolved, That the appeal of Grand Secretary Baxter be sustained.

Rep. Dickson, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the New Jersey and Pennsylvania difficulty, report:

That they have carefully examined all the papers respecting the case, and find that the whole difficulty has been properly adjusted, satisfactory to the Grand Representatives of New Jersey, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reprimanding her Subordinate Lodge for the power she assumed towards Leni Lenape Lodge of New Jersey.

The committee, therefore, recommend no further legislation by this Grand Lodge upon the subject.

JOHN H. WAKEFIELD,
RICHARD MARLEY,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

Rep. Boak, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Norman Miller, of Virginia, be allowed to visit this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be required to inquire into and report upon the expediency of the passage of a law by this R. W. Body, establishing the length of time that a brother must be a member of the Order before he is entitled to receive his several degrees, and making it uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, "that Grand Lodges have and possess power to publish odes for the use of Subordinate Lodges," have considered the subject, and report:

That in volume ii of Journal, page 956, they find that this subject has been legislated upon, and a resolution passed declaring that this body alone has the right to print or publish lectures, charges or odes, and any violation of this right is in opposition to the laws of this Grand body.

Your committee would, therefore, offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to repeal or alter the law now in force.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved to amend the resolution accompanying as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the law on page 956, volume ii of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, as prohibits the printing of the odes of the Order by individuals and State Grand Lodges, be and is hereby repealed.

Pending this question, Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess for half an hour, which was agreed to

The Grand Lodge having re-assembled, proceeded again to the consideration of the question pending at the time of the adoption of the order for a recess, being the amendment moved by Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, to the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Finance, on the subject of printing the odes.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved that the subject lay on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution reported by the Committee on Finance;" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes) Conrad, DeSaussure, (2 votes) Dickson, Disosway, Fritz, (2 votes) Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Kneass, McKee, (2 votes) Marley, Minor, Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Seassford, Silsby, (2 votes) Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes) Tewksbury, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes) Wakefield, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Wildey, Glazier, Hopkins—50.

NAYS.—Reps. Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Deering, (2 votes) Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Knight, (2 votes) Lott, Merrick, (2 votes) Page, Parker, Roberts, Spooner, Taylor, of Ill.—31.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to have the odes for Subordinate Lodges printed in the German language.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, Abell, of Connecticut, and Ballou, of Vermont, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to record their votes in the negative upon the report and resolutions of the Committee on Finance, declaring it inexpedient to alter existing laws upon the subject of printing the odes.

The chair named the following committee:

Special committee of three, to whom was referred so much as relates to printing the Journal and printing generally: Reps. Allen, of Pa.; Askew, of Del.; Moore, of D. C.

Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, moved the following order, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That no new business shall be received by this Grand Lodge after the hour of 3 o'clock P. M. of this day.

P. G. Sire Hopkins moved the following proceeding, which was agreed to:

P. G. Sire Hopkins stated to the Grand Lodge that, at the introduction of the Order, and organization of the lodge at Honolulu, in the Sandwich Islands, Past Rep. AtLee furnished them with a copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (his private property) and whereas the lodge at Honolulu were of right entitled to have a copy of said proceedings, therefore,

Resolved, That Past Rep. AtLee be presented by the Grand Secretary with a copy of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge without charge.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana relative to the law of the last session upon the subject of the minutes of lodges working in the German language, report:

That upon an examination of said communication they can see no good reason for altering the law of the last session, as laid down on page 1113, volume ii of the Journal, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

WHEREAS several of the State Grand Lodges and Encampments have had printed, and authorized their subordinates to have printed, the odes prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the use of members of said Subordinates:

Resolved, That the said act of these Grand State Lodges and Encampments and

the said subordinates be legalized, but in no case hereafter will this Grand Lodge sanction such proceedings on the part of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, or their subordinates.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of Independence Lodge, No. 4, of the State of Arkansas, report:

That they have examined the same, and, with the exception of article xviii, prescribing the requisites of membership, and the scarcity of constitutional matter, find it correct.

Article xviii provides that, "to be worthy of initiation into the lodge the applicant must be free born," &c., and the laws of the order confining to free white persons the right of membership, it becomes requisite that some addition should be made to the article. Your committee, therefore, recommend that Independence Lodge, No. 4, be directed to amend the said article by striking out the word "freeborn," and substituting the words "a free white male," and that with such addition the said constitution be approved. This constitution contains few provisions, scarcely enough to enable it to exist, while many provisions, fundamental in character, and necessary to a perfect existence of the lodge, are placed among the by-laws. The sections from 2 to 22 inclusive, and the section 24 of these by-laws, should probably form part of the constitution of the lodge; many of them treating of principles and practices of the Order, such as dues, fees, initiations, degrees, depositing cards, &c.

We, therefore, recommend that Independence Lodge, No. 4, of Arkansas, be requested to amend their constitution by enacting the above named sections of the by-laws as articles of the constitution.

ROB'T MOTT,
W. MERRICK,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, moved to amend the report as follows:

Strike out the words, "and substituting the words a free white male," also strike out the word "addition," and supply the word "alteration."

P. G. S. Glazier moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Constitutions?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for examination, report:

That they have examined and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for examination, report:

That they have examined, and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and referred again to the committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the two constitutions from the Grand Lodge of New York, report:

That, in consequence of the existing difficulties in that State, and the impossibility of deciding which constitution shall be approved, they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of Lone Star Encampment of Texas, report:

That they have examined the same, and recommend its approval after striking out the 4th section of article iv.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to examine any proposals that may be made, and to contract with some competent and responsible person, for furnishing the necessary paper, printing, stitching and covering the regular edition of the Journal of the present session; the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan and Treadwell's edition of the first volume of the proceedings of this body, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so soon as copies are printed. And that said committee be directed to enter upon said contract, if practicable, during the session of this body, and, if not practicable, then within ten days after it shall have adjourned; and if the Grand Secretary shall not be duly informed of a con-

tract having been made within two weeks after the adjournment, that then the said officer be authorized and directed to contract for having the work done, according to the style above mentioned, in the most expeditious manner practicable.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge for the payment to P. G. Alfred Mudge, of Boston, for certain odes and music adopted by the committee on the revision of the work of the Order; also for plates of music as per schedule presented to the Committee of Petitions at the last session of this body, said odes and music being claimed as the private property of said Mudge, which he allowed said committee to use without the least supposition that this Grand Lodge would afterwards pass a law prohibiting him from printing said odes and music, for which he had paid the above sum of money, expecting to make himself good from their sale.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to prepare new odes and music to be used by Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and also to revise the initiation and degrees of the Subordinate Lodges and to submit the same to this Grand Body at its next session, provided that it shall be distinctly understood that no charge shall be made, or expense incurred for such work.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by a majority, was put in the form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa from this Grand Lodge for the purpose of submitting the same to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for alterations.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing in this City a Journal devoted to the interests of the Order, to be published weekly or monthly, under the superintendence of a committee to be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Brown, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting officers of subordinates from giving sanction by their signatures to diplomas, other than those adopted by this worthy Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That no new business will be considered by the Grand Lodge of the United States after to-morrow, Friday evening, 22d inst. at 4 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following amendments to the by-laws:

Resolved, That all after the words "The regalia of the Order shall be as follows," in article xxv of the by-laws, be stricken out and the following inserted:

Section 1. Subordinate Lodges.—1st. *Initiatory Members* a plain white apron.

2. *Members of the First Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with white ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

3. *Members of the Second Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with pink-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

4. *Members of the Third Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

5. *Members of the Fourth Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with green-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width.

6. *Members of the Fifth Degree.*—White aprons and collars, trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width. They may also wear a rosette of the five colors of the Order on the collar, where it is connected, and have any of the emblems belonging to the five degrees painted upon their aprons.

7. *Outside Guardian.*—White apron and scarlet sash; apron to be trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width. Sash to be united with a scarlet rosette, in the centre a silver star.

8. *Inside Guardian.*—White apron and blue sash; apron to be trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width. Sash to be united with a blue rosette, with a silver star in the centre.

9. *Scene Supporters.*—White aprons and white sash; the sash to be united with a white rosette, with a silver star in the centre.

10. *Chaplain.*—White apron and sash, to be united with a rosette displaying the five colors of the Order, with silver star in the centre.

11. *Warden and Conductor.*—White aprons and black sashes; apron to be trimmed with black-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width, the sash to be united with a black rosette, with a silver star in the centre.

12. *Supporters of the V. G.*—White aprons and blue sashes; apron to be trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width, the sash united by a rosette displaying the three colors, viz. white, pink and blue.

13. *Supporters of the N. G.*—White aprons and scarlet sashes; aprons to be trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid, one-half of one inch in width; the sash to be connected by a rosette displaying the five colors of the Order, with a silver star in the centre.

14. *Treasurer and Secretaries.*—White aprons and green collars; the aprons to be trimmed with green-colored ribbon, tape or braid, and the collar with silver lace or white braid, one-half of one inch in width, and on the collar four silver stars.

15. *Vice Grand.*—White apron and blue collar; the apron to be trimmed with blue-colored ribbon, tape or braid, and the collar with silver lace or white braid, one-half of one inch in width, and four silver stars.

16. *N. G.*—White apron and collar; the apron to be trimmed with scarlet-colored ribbon, tape or braid; the collar with silver lace or white braid one-half of one inch in width, and four silver stars.

17. *Extra Regalia to be worn at the pleasure of the Lodges while in session.*—*Scene Supporters.*—White caps or turbans, and white robes or other dress of the same color.

Guardians.—White caps or turbans.

Warden and Conductor.—black caps or turbans, and black robes or other dress of the same color.

Supporters of the V. G.—Caps or turbans of white and blue.

Supporters of the N. G.—Caps or turbans of white, blue and scarlet.

Treasurer and Secretaries.—Caps or turbans of white and green.

Vice Grand.—Caps or turbans of blue, and a blue robe, or other dress of the same color.

Noble Grand.—Scarlet cap or turban, and a scarlet robe, or other scarlet dress.

SECTION 2. *Grand Lodge.*—1. *Members.*—Scarlet aprons and sashes, to be trimmed with silver lace or white braid, one-half of one inch in width, and silver fringe or bullion two inches in length; the sash to be connected by a rosette displaying the five colors of the Order, with a silver star in the centre.

2. *Officers.*—To wear the same regalia as members, with the addition of the appropriate jewel of office, and provided if he has attained the R. P. degree the apron and sash may be trimmed with gold instead of silver.

3. Past Grands may have their regalia embroidered in silver, and officers and past officers, if they have attained the R. Purple degree, with gold and silver, or either.

4. The emblems of the Order may be laid, painted or embroidered upon the regalia of Past Grands and officers of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. *Subordinate Encampments.*—1. Members who have attained the R. P. degree, black aprons and royal purple collars, to be trimmed with gold lace or braid one-half of one inch in width, and gold fringe or bullion two inches and a half in length; they may be embroidered, and have the emblems represented in gold.

2. During the conferring of the degrees, officers and members shall be clothed in strict conformity to the work as laid down in the charge books.

3. Inside Warden and Sentinel to be the same as the first clause of this section, with appropriate jewels.

4. Chief Patriarch, Senior Warden, High Priest, Scribe and Treasurer, same regalia as in first clause, with the addition of four gold stars upon the collar.

SECTION 4. *Grand Encampment.*—1. *Members.*—Black aprons and royal purple sashes, to be trimmed with gold lace or braid one-half of one inch in width, and gold fringe or bullion two inches and a half in length; the sash to be united with a purple rosette with a gold star in the centre.

2. *Officers*.—The same as above, with proper jewels, and a rosette upon the shoulder of the sash of the colors of the Subordinate Lodges, surrounded by the colors of the encampment.

SEC. 5. *Grand Lodge of the United States*.—Officers, Past Representatives and Representatives shall wear a royal purple collar of velvet, of the pattern shown in the annexed drawing, to be trimmed with gold bullion fringe two inches wide, and one strip of half inch wide gold lace, and at the points gold tassels of bullion two inches in length, and ornamented with an embroidered eight-pointed gold star, the star to be elongated up and down. Also, a roll or turn-over of scarlet velvet around the neck, one-third the width of the collar, embroidered with silver, and edged around with two rows of silver cord; the collar to be held together by three links of gold braid, to which the jewel is suspended.

SEC. 6. *Jewels*.—The jewel shall be a representative of the emblem of the office.

The jewel of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges shall be of white metal or silver.

Past Grands, a five-pointed open star.

Noble Grands, crossed gavels.

Vice Grands, hour-glass.

Secretaries, crossed pens.

Treasurer, crossed keys.

Warden, heart and hand.

Scene Supporters, crossed torches.

Conductor, crossed arrows.

Supporters of Noble Grand, crossed scarlet wands.

Supporters of Vice Grand, crossed blue wands.

Outside Guardian, crossed swords.

Inside Guardian, single sword.

2. *Grand Lodge*.—P. G. Masters, a five-pointed open star, with sun in the centre.

Grand Master, five-pointed open star, with crossed gavels.

D. G. Master and District D. G. Master, five-pointed open star, with hour-glass.

Grand Warden, five-pointed open star, with heart and hand.

Grand Secretary, five-pointed open star, with crossed pens.

Grand Treasurer, five-pointed open star, with crossed keys.

Grand Conductor, five-pointed open star, with crossed arrows.

Grand Guardian, five-pointed open star, with crossed swords.

Grand Marshal, five-pointed open star, with baton in the centre.

SEC. 7. *Subordinate Encampments*.—The jewels of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments shall be of yellow metal or gold.

C. P., a single triangle, with a representation of an altar and crossed crooks in the centre.

H. P., same, triangle, with representation of breast-plate in the centre.

S. W., same, triangle, with crossed crooks.

Junior W., same, triangle, with single crook.

Scribe, same, triangle, with crossed pens.

Treasurer, same, triangle, with crossed keys.

Sentinel, same, triangle, with crossed swords.

2. *Grand Encampment*.—Officers of the Grand Encampment, double triangle; otherwise, as designated for officers of the Subordinate Encampments.

SEC. 8. *Grand Lodge of the United States*.—1. The jewels of Representatives and Past Representatives shall be a medal three inches in diameter of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the arms of the State represented, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver. If a Past Representative, he may have on the reverse side a representation of the jewel of the highest office he has filled in a State Grand Lodge or State Grand Encampment.

2. Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire, medal as above, on one side of which the arms of the United States, on the reverse side, his name, date of election and installation.

Deputy Grand Sire and Past Deputy Grand Sire, the same medal, with the American shield and motto.

Secretary, same medal, with the American shield and crossed pens in chief.

Treasurer, same medal, with the American shield with crossed keys in chief.

Marshal, same medal, with sword and scales in chief.

Guardian, same medal, with the American shield, crossed swords in chief.

Grand Chaplain, same medal, with the American shield, and Bible in chief.

Messenger, same medal, with the American shield, dove and olive branch in chief.

SEC. 9. Past officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be entitled to wear the regalia and jewel of the highest office to which they have attained.

Resolved, That the provisions of the foregoing law is not intended to apply so far as to require lodges, encampments and members to purchase new regalia to conform with the above on account of any slight variation from the law in that they may have on hand at the time of the promulgation of the above amendments.

Resolved, further, That all new regalia that lodges, encampments and members may purchase hereafter shall comply strictly with the law.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the Grand Lodge agreed to take up the amendment to the by-laws proposed by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, (page 1103) now lying on the table, which, being under consideration, was, on his motion, indefinitely postponed.

The chair named the following committee.

Special Committee under Rep. Moore's motion as to Printing.—Reps. Marley, of Md., Sessford, D. C., Fritz, of Pa.

On motion of Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Diosway, of that State, for the residue of the session.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, Past Rep. Samuel Yorke AtLee, chairman of the committee on portraits of P. G. Sires and C. Secretary, appointed at the last session, was permitted to make a report.

P. G. Rep. Samuel Yorke AtLee, from the committee appointed at the last session, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

M. W. GRAND SIRE:—The select committee appointed at the last session of this body (see page 1070 Journal, 1847) "for the purpose of obtaining the likenesses of such of our Past Grand Sires whose portraits are not in possession of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also the portrait of the R. W. G. C. Secretary," respectfully report, as accepted by the committee, the likenesses of Past Grand Sires Gettys, Keyser, Perkins, Hopkins and Sherlock.

The likenesses of P. G. Sires Perkins and Hopkins are now within this hall; that of P. G. Sire Sherlock would have been ready for presentation with this report, but for unavoidable circumstances preventing its seasonable transmission from Cincinnati.

The likenesses of P. G. Sires Gettys and Keyser are in the hands of an artist of Baltimore, and are in process of completion under the supervision and direction of the G. C. Secretary, who, on request of the committee, has kindly consented to assume that responsibility.

The committee report as in progress the likenesses of P. G. Sires Glazier and Kennedy; also, that of the Grand C. Secretary, which will be ready for presentation to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session. All which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L YORKE ATLEE

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,

THOS. SPOONER.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 21, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the officers and a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, the lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the constitution, article i, proposed by Rep. Clark, of New Jersey, page 1123 Journal, now lying on the table; which proposed amendment is in words following, to wit:

Amend article i of constitution, page 15, bottom line, after the words "Odd-Fellowship," add, "that the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge—and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Bond, Brown of N. H., (2 votes) Brown of Miss., (2 votes) Burr, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes) Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes) Dickson, Forman, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, (2 votes) Knight, (2 votes) Kneass, Marley, Moore, Morton, Page, (2 votes) Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, (2 votes) Roberts, (2 votes) Sessford, Silsby, Smith, of Tenn., Spooner, Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, Wakefield, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman. Past Grand Sires Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins—64.

NAYS.—None.

So the amendment was adopted, and now forms a part of the constitution.

On motion of Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, it was ordered that one hundred copies of the Report of the Committee on the New York controversy, with the evidence and documents accompanying, be printed for the confidential use of the representatives.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the officers and a due representation.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Jas. D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following communication from the Grand Lodge of British North America, which was on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, ordered to be spread upon the journal:

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, I. O. O. F.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Montreal, 15th Sep. 1848.

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America and jurisdiction thereto belonging.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Dear Brother: A resolution of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British North America has assigned to me the pleasing duty of acknowledging your very kind and acceptable communication, by the hands of Special Grand Representative Ridgely.

I am desirous to express the great gratification with which this Grand Lodge has received the assurance of affectionate regard and confidence, which you have thus been pleased to tender to it; and more especially its pleasure at receiving them through such hands, and welcoming, as the first Special Grand Representative accredited to itself from your Right Worthy Grand Lodge, a Brother every way

so distinguished in the Order, and having such peculiarly strong claims to the respect and esteem of the Branch of the Order here established, as Past Grand Brother Ridgely.

Allow me to add, that by none are these sentiments more sincerely entertained than by

Your friend and brother,

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT, *Grand Sire*.

Rep. Green, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a Diploma and one full copy of the proceedings of this body be presented to each of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following amendment to the 43d rule of order, which was agreed to:

Article 43. No person shall be allowed to cast his vote after the ballot has been announced by the Chair, unless by unanimous consent.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved that the representatives of the several States be authorized to correct the annual reports of their respective States, by the addition of the names of Grand Officers, which was agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, relative to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the case of A. W. Hamilton, report:

That A. W. Hamilton having applied to Watson Lodge, No. 32, for initiation, (this lodge being the one nearest to his place of residence,) was rejected; shortly after he applied to Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, (a lodge more remote from his residence,) as the committee understood, informed said Phoenix Lodge of his nearer residence to Watson Lodge, Phoenix Lodge applied to Watson Lodge for permission to initiate him, but without waiting an answer, proceeded to do so. Watson Lodge complained to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, who upon investigating the matter discovered the initiation was made by Phoenix Lodge in consequence of a dispensation from the District Deputy Grand Master. The question which it is necessary for the committee to consider is, whether A. W. Hamilton having been illegally initiated, should be considered an Odd-Fellow? Upon this point the committee concur fully with the report adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky—having been initiated innocently on his part, he is unquestionably entitled to remain in the Order. The punishment to be awarded to the D. D. Grand Master and to Phoenix Lodge for the violation of the laws of the Order, is a matter for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to determine, since both Lodges and the D. D. Grand Master are subject to her jurisdiction.

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, relative to the power of Grand Masters to require from Subordinate Lodges copies of their proceedings, report :

That the powers of a Grand Master as laid down in section 6, article ii, Division 3 of the Digest, would seem to extend in this particular no further than the right to examine the books of a subordinate, but the committee are of opinion that as an incident to this power, he has the right to make extracts himself or one appointed by him for that purpose. The Grand Lodge alone should have power to require copies of the proceedings.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Smith, of Maine, that the term of Subordinate Encampments should be extended to one year, report :

That the extension having been considered and rejected at the last session of this body, and no sufficient reasons having since then arisen to demand the change, the committee recommend the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Moore, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for permission to remove Palestine Encampment, No. 3, of Rhode Island, from the town of Newport to Woonsocket, respectfully report :

That this change of location is asked for by thirteen members of the camp, in a letter dated at Newport, on the 7th instant, and is urged on the ground that the removal is necessary to prevent a dissolution of the camp. Ten of its members are residents of Woonsocket, and it is represented that those residing at Newport desire the change, which is earnestly seconded by the District Deputy Grand Sire, who resides at Providence. The camp has but few members, not exceeding twenty-five or thirty.

Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted by locating Palestine Encampment at Woonsocket, instead of Newport.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. McKee, recorded at page 1196 of the proceedings of the present session, respectfully report:

That at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, held at Wilmington in May last, the following resolution was passed by a vote of Lodges, ayes 9, noes 2: "*Resolved*, That the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the hall of Manote Lodge, No. 8, in the city of Raleigh, on the second Wednesday in May next, and that our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ask the consent of that Grand Body thereto.,,

Your committee on petitions recommend that the consent of this Grand Lodge be given, as requested in the above resolution.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH. F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the petition of Jared C. Jocelyn, Hiram Lanham, Stewart W. Cayce, Wm. B. Robertson, Solomon Marlboro, Matthias Peterson, Andrew Farrell, Joseph A. Moffit, N. F. Webb and J. B. Williamson, who represent themselves as having formerly been members, and now holding cards from Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, (extinct,) of New Albany, Indiana, the Committee on Petitions submit the following report:

That the brethren above named pray for the restoration to them of the charter of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of Indiana; which prayer is seconded by the Grand Encampment of that State, as appears by an official transcript from its proceedings, in these words: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Indiana, hereby gives its consent for a sufficient number of the original members of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, located at New Albany, but now extinct, to apply to the M. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for a restoration of the charter and effects of said extinct Encampment, upon their producing the requisite evidence of their good standing in the Order to the Grand

Lodge of the United States, and complying with the regulations of the Order in regard to extinct Encampments."

There being no evidence before your committee of the good standing of the petitioners, or of their having complied with all the law of the case, as required by the Grand Encampment of Indiana, your committee recommend that when the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are fully satisfied on these several points, they be authorized and directed to restore to the petitioners the charter and effects prayed for, provided these articles be in the possession or under the control of this body, or of any of its officers or agents.

WM. W. MOORE,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
JNO. SILSBY.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented by Rep. Spooner, of that state, and submit the following report:

The committee regrets exceedingly that their duty requires them to express themselves in strong terms on this subject.

The preamble and resolutions in question appear to the committee to reflect indecorously on the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at former communications. The committee therefore report, that it would not become this Grand Lodge to take any action on the resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the memorial of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, respectfully report:

That at the session of 1846 of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a petition was received from Covenant Lodge, of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, appealing from an act of SUSPENSION, which had been passed against her by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction. In this petition it was stated that the Grand Lodge had refused its permission for the appeal, but that the property of the Lodge had been surrendered. The petition was thus regarded as one which this body might *appropriately* entertain.

It now appears, however, by the official papers submitted at the last session by the Grand Lodge of the District, (which had no

opportunity of offering them at the session of 1846,) that Covenant Lodge surrendered to the Grand Lodge only her working books, seal, charter, Treasurer's book, and *one* record book, (retaining *one*) and that she *retained in her own possession ALL* the emblems, regalia, and other usual effects of a Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia remonstrates, that, under these circumstances, her subordinate *was not* entitled to appeal to this body

In view of the law, which provides that no Lodge can appeal to this body without the consent of its Grand Lodge, unless in the case of an *expelled* Lodge which has surrendered its *effects*, your committee do not think that the surrender of the articles above enumerated was such a surrender of effects as the General Laws contemplate, and they therefore deem the objections urged by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to be just and proper, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. P. CHAPMAN,
W. H. MCKEE,
HENRY HOLMES.

Resolved, That, as it appears from duly authenticated documents presented by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, that Covenant Lodge, in retaining her emblems, jewels, furniture, &c., *did not* make such a surrender of effects as is contemplated by the general constitution, the action of this Grand Lodge in the premises was irregular, because said petition of Covenant Lodge did not come regularly before this Grand Body.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia,, moved to amend the resolution, as follows, which was accepted by the Committee:

Provided, nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall be construed in any wise to impair the rights and position of Covenant Lodge, as secured and defined in the legislation of the Grand Lodge heretofore had in the case.

Rep. Wakefield moved the previous question, which being seconded, was put in form following: "shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the Committee on Appeals," which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance report that in the discharge of their duty they have carefully examined the books and other documents of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find the same correct, with properly authenticated vouchers.

The condition of the treasury is as follows:

In balance cash on hand September 23, 1847, as per report of Finance Committee of that date,	-	-	-	-	\$6,206 79
Cash paid to Treasurer by the Secretary from Sept. 23, 1847, to Sept. 20th, 1848, for Representative Tax,					
Books, Cards, Interest, &c.	.	-	-	-	9,896 42

Total	-	-	-	-	\$16,103 21
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Amount paid by Grand Treasurer, as per his account
stated, from Sept. 23d, 1847, to Sept. 20th 1848, - 11,346 45

Total balance in Treasury, - - -	\$4,756 76
The following claims against the G. Lodge have been examined and found correct:	
M. W. G. S. Horn R. Kneass, postages, -	\$31 27
" " expenses, -	25 00
R. W. D. G. S. N. A. Thompson, expenses, -	60 00
P. G. S. Z. B. Glazier, expenses attending com- mittee of P. G. Sires. - - -	25 00
Smith Skinner, expenses as Grand Marshal, -	25 00
James D. McCabe, expenses as Grand Chap- lain, - - - - -	70 00
James L. Ridgely, expenses as Representative to G. L. of B. N. A. - - - -	100 00
P. G. S. Hopkins, expenses attending committee of P. G. Sires, - - - - -	25 00
Mrs. A. Sisco, eight collars for Officers Grand Lodge U. S. - - - - -	96 00
	<hr/> \$457 27

Which amount the committee recommend to be paid
by the Treasurer.

Total unappropriated cash balance in treasury, - - \$4,299 49

This Grand Lodge holds 64 shares of Ohio 6 per cent

Stock, for which they have paid, - - - -	\$6,017 00
Maryland State Stock, - - - - -	2,800 00

In consequence of the increased duties of the Grand Treasurer, the committee respectfully recommend that the compensation to said officer be increased \$100. The trifling compensation of \$100, now received by that officer, the committee deem to be wholly insufficient.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer two protested drafts, one for \$50 on E. Winchester & Co., the other on Graham & Co. for \$75, and by a document of Grand Secretary the sum of \$4,846 97, due by Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to this Grand Lodge.

All of which, with the accompanying resolutions, is respectfully submitted

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of Grand Officers' salaries, viz: Grand Secretary \$1,200, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; Grand Treasurer \$200, payable quarterly on his own receipt; Grand Messenger \$400, payable quarterly on his own order on Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby ordered to forthwith put in suit the drafts above mentioned on Winchester & Co. and Graham & Co.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed, on or before the first day of May, in each year, to transmit to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, a full statement of its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, so indebted, shall remit the amount due to the Grand Secretary at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to prepare a schedule of the amounts due to the Grand Lodge of the United States by the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to the day of meeting, and furnish the same to the Committee on Credentials, with the certificates of election. The certificates of representatives from Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, shall not be reported on favorably when such Grand bodies are deprived of their vote in the Grand Lodge under the xii article of the by-laws.

Rep. Thomas, of Connecticut, moved to amend the third resolution accompanying the report of the committee, as follows, which was not agreed to:

And within thirty days thereafter shall draw on the Grand Treasurer of the Grand bodies for the amounts due.

On motion of Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, the report was adopted.

The question being on the resolutions, on motion of Rep. Bond, they were considered seriatim.

The first resolution being considered, Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, moved to strike out eighteen hundred and insert nineteen hundred; the words four hundred, and insert five hundred—which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to. The other resolutions were respectively considered and adopted.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Junior Past Grand be elected by his Subordinate Lodge as a representative to the State Grand Lodge?

Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Whether by the action of a Grand Encampment of a State, in adopting a form of constitution for subordinates, the subordinates in existence, and working under constitutions approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, are bound to conform to the constitution prescribed by the Grand Encampment?

Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, moved the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Can a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, on conviction of an officer under a charge of *official misconduct*, inflict a punishment which shall, by suspension or expulsion, deprive him of his *rights in Odd-Fellowship*?

2d. What is the extent of penalty which can be adjudged upon an officer by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who shall have been found guilty of *official misconduct*—his character as a man and Odd-Fellow not being impugned in any way?

3d. Can the officers of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment use the seal to verify or attest the good standing of any brother of this lodge, without a formal vote of the lodge, where there is no prohibition in its constitution or by-laws, or in the laws of the superior body?

4th. What is the law or usage respecting the power of the officers of a lodge over its seal, independent of any vote of the lodge; and have not officers power

to use the seal to grant certificates or cards to members in good standing, without a vote, nothing prohibitory appearing in its By-laws?

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby consents that the Most Worthy Grand Sire shall appoint and commission a special Grand Representative, from this Grand body, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, at its next session—*Provided*, he in his judgment shall consider such appointment required by the interests of the Order.

Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions report:

That they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the Grand Encampment of Indiana, and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and finding them correct, recommend their approval. They also recommend the approval of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, as corrected by this committee—these corrections consisting in erasures of work of the Order.

ROB'T MOTT,
P. MERRICK,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia, report:

That they have examined and recommend the approval thereof.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Michigan, report:

That they have examined and recommend its approval, as they have corrected it by striking out the words: "and there faithfully represent the interests and wishes of this Grand Encampment," from section 6 of article iv, which prescribes the duty of the Grand representative.

The committee have felt it their duty to thus amend this Constitution, from a belief that it is the duty of grand representatives to advocate the interest of the Order without regard to sectional

interests, feelings or prejudices, and that it is not competent for any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to restrict the rights conferred by the laws and uses of the Order upon the members of the Lodge

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire, during the remainder of the session, and that he be authorized to instruct Representatives in the work of the Order.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report "as relates to uniform Constitutions for Grand Lodges and Encampments," respectfully report :

That having given the subject that deliberate consideration to which it was entitled, and after mature reflection being of opinion that much good will be produced by the adoption of a uniform Constitution for Grand Lodges and for Grand Encampments, the Grand Lodge of the United States being the source "of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship," without whose warrant a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment cannot exist, and the power to "enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general," it should in the opinion of your committee furnish to each Grand Lodge and each Grand Encampment a Constitution so framed as to meet the wants of the Order in each of its branches. They, therefore, offer the following resolution.

H. HOPKINS,
B. F. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge a form of Constitution for all Grand Lodges, and also a form of Constitution for all Grand Encampments.

Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the opinion of the various Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be requested on the subject of the above report, to be communicated to this body previous to the next session.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put as follows: Shall the main question be now put? which was agreed to. The main question was then put as follows: Will the lodge adopt the report and resolution submitted by the committee? which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Askew, Ballou, Cole, Conrad, Deering, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Frost, Griffin, Holmes, Kneass, Lott, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Page, Patten, Ridgely, Roberts,

Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Taylor, of Illinois, Tewksbury, Thorington, Whittall, Woodward, Zimmerman. Past Grand Sires Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—35.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Chapman, of Indiana, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Fritz, (2 votes,) Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Haines, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) McKee, (2 votes,) Marley, Merrick, (2 votes,) Minor, Moore, Read, Robinson, Sessford, Spooner, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, Wakefield; P. G. Sire Perkins—37.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee further report that they unite with the Grand Sire in opinion that the construction which was (by the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order at the last Session, page 42, section 2) to the 10th article of the By-Laws, is calculated to produce evil instead of good. They therefore offer the following resolution.

H. HOPKINS,
B. B. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

Resolved, That Sec. 1, Art. 10, division 2, page 42, of Digest, be amended by striking out the words "in the interval between the adoption of the constitution or amendments, and its confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is binding on the body by which it has been adopted."

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The same committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Lodge of Alabama in relation to the organization of the State Grand Lodge, report:

That having considered and reflected upon the matters contained in said communication, they *are of opinion* that *Past Grands*, being by the fundamental laws of the Order entitled to certain privileges, and having certain rights vested in them, cannot surrender these privileges and rights to any body in the Order; they may fail to use them, but the right remains so long as they are members of good standing in the Order.

That a change in the organization of the State Grand Lodges does not, in the opinion of your committee, appear necessary. "Article i, section 5, division 3, of Digest, page 43, authorizes a State Grand Lodge by its constitution to restrict its legislative power to such representative basis as it may deem best for the proper transaction of business." The exercise of this authority by State Grand Lodges will correct the evil arising from there being a large number of members belonging to a Grand Lodge.

H. HOPKINS,
B. F. ZIMMERMAN,
GEO. B. DICKSON,

Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Subordinate Lodge refuse to receive the dues of a Brother who shall be indebted to the Lodge to an amount sufficient to deprive him of the benefits, but who shall in other respects be in good standing in the Lodge.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Past Grand Sires, after the year 1852, shall continue entitled to a perpetual seat in this Grand Lodge, and to the privilege of participating in its debates; but they shall unitedly cast only a *single* vote.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Article viii be so amended as to read:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to not more than five votes on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, to be cast individually when there shall be five or less Past Grand Sires present; and collectively when more than five are present, three of said votes to be determined and cast by a majority, and two by the minority of said Past Grand Sires, should there be a division among them as to said votes. Past Grand Sire Wilder, is hereby excepted from the operation of the above, who shall ever be entitled to his single vote.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three, to be styled the Legislative Committee, to whom shall be referred all questions of new legislation, be appointed.

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is as imperative upon all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to furnish the officers of their respective Lodges and Encampments with the jewels appertaining to their rank and station, as laid down in the work of the Order, on pages 28 and 9, as it is for members thereof to be clothed in suitable regalia.

Rep. Dixon, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to take into consideration the expediency of building a College by this Grand Lodge, for the education of Orphan children of Odd Fellows, and to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to decisions on questions of law and usage, and so much as relates to cards issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge of British North America, report:

That in the first decision of the Grand Sire, viz. that in the absence of any constitutional provision upon the subject an encampment cannot displace an officer for non-attendance, the committee fully concur. It is always in the power of a subordinate to pass

such by-laws as will guard against this evil; they, therefore, recommend that the same be confirmed.

That in the decision of the Grand Sire that cards issued by the Grand Lodge of British North America are valid in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the committee fully concur. The spirit of the resolutions adopted at the session of 1846, under which the Grand Lodge of British North America was established, can, in the opinion of the committee, bear no other interpretation than that placed by the Grand Sire. Neither can the committee hesitate to concur with the decision that the A. T. P. W. can be given to a brother from that jurisdiction, in the same manner as is established by custom in our own, and laid down in section 8, article vi, division 2 of the Digest. They, therefore, recommend that the same be confirmed.

That the committee fully concur with the Grand Sire in his decision that a Grand representative, who is in possession of the Grand Encampment degree only by virtue of service in the Grand Lodge of the United States, is not entitled to claim his seat in a Grand Encampment. Section 2, article i, division 4 of the Digest, appears to the committee to leave no room for doubt on this subject. They, therefore, recommend that the same be confirmed.

That the decision of the Grand Sire, in relation to the inability of a member of a suspended lodge to retain membership in a Grand Encampment, appears to the committee entirely correct; they therefore recommend that the same be confirmed.

That if the decision of the Grand Sire, in relation to the time when the suspension of a lodge takes effect, means from the time such suspension is published or proclaimed, your committee fully concur, and recommend the same be confirmed; and the committee hereby express the opinion that, as soon as practicable, it is the duty of the Grand officers to make such proclamation.

That the decision of the Grand Sire upon the power of withdrawing a candidate after his name is submitted to the lodge meets the hearty concurrence of the committee; they, therefore, recommend the same be confirmed.

That in the decision of the Grand Sire upon admission into a Subordinate Lodge upon an encampment card, the committee fully concur; they, therefore, recommend the same be confirmed.

That the subject of funeral regalia having been already acted upon, needs no expression of opinion from the committee.

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, the subject was ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to reconsider the vote of the morning session, refusing to adopt the resolution recommending the appointment of a committee to report a uniform constitution for State Grand bodies, at the next session.

Rep. Moore, of the District of Columbia, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question, which was seconded.

At this stage Rep. Robinson asked and obtained leave that the absent members in session on committees be sent for.

The previous question was then put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge reconsider the vote by which it refused to adopt the report and resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to report a uniform constitution for State Grand bodies," which was agreed to.

The yeas and nays being called, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Brown, of N. H., Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Griffin, Holmes, Kneass, Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Maine, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Treadway, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—48.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Bond, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Gillespie, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Lott, McKee, Marley, Minor, Moore, Read, Sessford, Spooner, Thomas, Towers, Wakefield; P. G. Sire Perkins—24.

The question being now upon the report and resolutions of the committee, providing for the appointment of a committee to report a uniform constitution for State Grand bodies,

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved that the report and resolutions be adopted, and called the previous question on that motion, which, being seconded, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

At this stage, Representative Moore, of the District of Columbia, asked a division of the question, and the main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the committee," which was resolved in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Moore, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Patten, Ramsdell, Griffin, Haines, Holmes, Kneass, Lott, Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Deering, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Brown, of N. H., Burr, Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Treadway, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; Past Grands Sires Wildey, Perkins, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—57.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Bond, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Forman, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Parker, Read, Sessford, Spooner, Thomas, Wakefield—18.

The question was then put on the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was resolved in the affirmative: the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Frost, Gillispie, Griffin, Haines, Holmes, Kneass, Lott, Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Page, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes) Taylor, of Ill., Tewksbury, Thorington, Treadway, Whittall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires, Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—51.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Bond, Brown of Miss. (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Fritz, Gallaher, Green, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Read, Sessford, (2 votes,) Spooner, Thomas, Towers, Wakefield; Past Grand Sire Perkins—26.

Representative Spooner, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, representatives and members of your body, most respectfully ask leave to protest against the action had this day, in ordering the appointment of a special committee to report at the next session a uniform constitution for the government of Grand Lodges and Encampments, and do hereby most solemnly protest against the action in ordering the appointment of said committee, inasmuch as it contemplates the withdrawing, annulling and revoking the powers granted by this Grand Lodge to State Grand bodies to frame, enact and adopt their own laws.

THOMAS SPOONER,
J. P. CHAPMAN,
SAM'L W. BOND,
J. G. FORMAN,
RICHARD GREEN,
W. B. CHAPMAN,
W. H. BROWN,
WM. W. KNIGHT.

Representative Towers moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee touching the establishment of the order on the Pacific coast, which was agreed to.

The report being under consideration, Representative Spooner, of Ohio, moved to strike out the word "commissioner," and insert the word "deputy," which was accepted by the committee, and the report, as thus perfected, adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire nominated Representative Alex. V. Frazer, as the deputy provided for in the resolution, which was unanimously approved.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of I. O. O. F., of Honolulu, Oahu, for examination, report:

That they have examined and corrected the same by striking out the preamble, the whole of section 3 of article iv, and a part of section 1 of article v of the constitution. They have also amended it by substituting the words "free white male" in the place of "man," in section 1 of article vi, so as to provide for "amendment," etc. after one week's notice of the same, instead of referring the matter to this Grand Lodge, except for approval; and with such amendments, recommend the approval thereof.

ROB'T MOTT,
W. MERRICK
RICH'D MARLEY,

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following amendments to the by-laws, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Amend sections 1 and 2, article i, division 2, and article i and ii of by-laws:

Resolved, That petitions for charters for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments made to the respective State Grand Lodges and Encampments, wher accompanied by certificates of the good standing of the petitioners in their respective Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, may be acted on by the said State Grand Lodges and Encampments and granted, requiring the withdrawal cards of the petitioners before the institution of such Lodge or Encampment.

Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, moved that the Grand Lodge now consider the report and resolutions upon the subject of classifying the G. Representatives, page 1264 of the Journal, now lying on the table.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, moved to lay the motion on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. McKee, of Delaware, moved to postpone the motion of Rep. Cole, for thirty minutes, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes.

The Lodge having re-assembled, resumed the consideration of the motion of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, to take up for consideration the report and resolution providing for the classification of Grand Representatives, page 1264 of the Journal, which was agreed to.

The report and resolution being under consideration, was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, the drawing of lots for the classification of representatives was made the special order for 3 o'clock to-day.

On motion of Rep. Conrad, of Texas, the Grand Lodge agreed to reconsider the report of the Committee on Finance, so far as related to the settlement of the accounts of the Subordinate Encampments of Louisiana and Lodges of Vermont.

The question being on the report of the Committee on Finance, Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, moved to amend the report by remitting the dues of the Subordinate Encampments of Louisiana, from 1st January, 1848.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, moved further to amend by allowing to the Grand Lodge of Vermont a return of one hundred dollars for account of dues received by that body from subordinates since the grant of its Grand charter.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, it was agreed to.

The question then being upon the amendment as amended by the motion of Rep. Page, of Wisconsin,

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Finance, with the pending amendments, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendments to the by-laws proposed by him, page 1238 of the Journal.

A division of the subject being called for, the question was upon the first resolution.

Rep. Thomas, of Connecticut, moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed, the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Abell, Askew, Baker, Boak, (2 votes,) Bond, Burr, Deering, (2 votes,) Dickson, Gallaher, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Moore, Read, Ridgely, Sessford, Tewksbury, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes,) Whitall, Winder, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—35.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Anderson, Ballou, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Torre, DeSaussure, Forman, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Haines, Holmes, Marshall, Merrick, Moffett, Morton, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Roberts, Silsby, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Thorington, Woodward—35.

The lodge being equally divided, the Grand Sire declared the motion to postpone indefinitely to be carried.

Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to correctly instruct the respective grand bodies which they represent, in the actual work of the Order.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend article xii constitution so as to add the following:

5. The expenses of Representatives and officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the said Grand Lodge. The said Grand Lodge

shall allow to each such Representative and officer five cents per mile, for each mile actually travelled by such said Representative or officer, in going to and returning from the said sessions. The distance to be computed so that it shall not exceed the number of miles of the United States Mail routes from the residence of the said Representative to the seat of government of this body. And there shall be also further allowed to the said Representatives and officers three dollars per day during the session of the Grand Lodge—*Provided, however*, that nothing contained in this law shall be so construed as to allow to the salaried officers and Past Grand Sires any compensation whatever, in the form of travelling expenses or per diem allowance, for attending the sessions of this body.

A special tax shall be levied upon the several State Grand Lodges and Encampments, in ratio of the representation that they may be entitled to in this Grand Lodge, to be devoted exclusively to the payment of the expenses and allowances guarantied by section 5 of this article. The said levy shall be made by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for such sum as may be actually necessary to defray the contemplated expenses. The estimate of the sum necessary shall be based upon a computation of the distance from the seats of government of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments to the seat of government of this body, and for a session of the Grand Lodge of ten days.

The said estimate and levy shall be made on or before the first Monday of May annually, and during that month the Grand Secretary shall notify the several Grand Lodges and Encampments of the sum required from each in conformity with this law.

7. That the following be, and is hereby established as the compensation to be allowed to the officers of this Grand Lodge:

1. M. W. Grand Sire—five cents per mile for the distance travelled by him on the business of the Grand Lodge, and three dollars per day when in attendance on the sessions of this body.

2. R. W. D. G. Sire—Same as the Grand Sire.

3. R. W. Grand Secretary—twelve hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

4. R. W. Grand Treasurer—two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

5. R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Grand Guardian—five cents per mile distance travelled attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and three dollars per day during the session.

6. Grand Messenger—four hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

7. The salaries of the officers of this Grand Lodge shall not be increased or decreased during the term of an officer.

Sec. 8. All printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States to State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be sold them at an advance on the actual cost of such article of not exceeding ten per cent.

Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend article xii by striking out the 4th paragraph, which is in these words: "4th. Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, \$20 per annum, for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge."

Resolved, That article viii of the constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read—

Past Grand Sires, after the year 1852, shall continue entitled to a perpetual seat in this Grand Lodge, and to participate in its debates, but they shall not be entitled to vote.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved to amend article viii of the constitution as follows, which was ordered to lie on the table:

"Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively, on all questions arising before the Grand Lodge; provided, the Grand Sires be not Representatives."

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, relative to the expediency of passing a law establishing the length of time that a brother must be a member of the Order before he is entitled to receive his several degrees, and to make the same uniform throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, report:

That, upon a due consideration of the subject, the matter seems to belong more appropriately to the legislation of the several State Grand Lodges; they, therefore, report that it is inexpedient in this body to legislate thereon.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, the lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 1206 of the Journal) relating to abolishing certain forms of prayer, which, being under consideration, was adopted.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved that the lodge consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of appeal of P. G. James D. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. (Page 1255 of the Journal.)

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the motion to consider on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the motion of Rep. Chapman to consider the report,

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved that the motion be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That as a majority of the committee to procure the likenesses of Past Grand Sires, &c. will be no longer Representatives after the termination of the present session of this Grand Lodge, that said committee be directed to make a full report of all the contracts which they have entered upon to this Grand Lodge, if practicable, during its session, and if not practicable, then to the elective Grand officers, who shall be and are hereby clothed with full power to fulfil the said contracts; and that the existing special committee on the subject be discharged after they shall have reported their contracts as above specified.

Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, moved the following preamble and resolutions, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Whereas a previous service in the V. G. Chair is not a necessary qualification for that of N. G.; and whereas section 18, article iii, division 3d of the Digest of the Laws of the Order, making said service a condition precedent that must be performed, before a member can be elevated to the station of N. G., although his intellectual attainments and strength of character and position may eminently qualify him for the distinction, is arbitrary, inexpedient and unnecessary; and whereas further, while a change in the law upon the subject would confer no undue advantage upon one class of the brotherhood over another, but would oper-

ate advantageously upon the interests of the Order, in establishing merit and ability, and not a discharge of minor duties as the test of distinction; therefore,

Resolved, That section 18, article iii, division 3d, of the Digest, be and hereby is repealed.

Resolved, That twenty-six nights service as an inferior officer is a sufficient qualification for the office of N. G.; provided the brother has attained to sufficient degrees and is otherwise competent.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day for his colleague.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the following claims against the Grand Lodge, and find them correct:

For traveling expenses, &c. &c., of the members appointed as a Commission relative to New York difficulties,	\$295 00
J. N. Neagle, for Portraits of P. G. S. Perkins and Hopkins,	201 00
E. S. Fryer, for Portrait Frames,	14 00
P. G. S. J. A. Kennedy, attending Committee P. G. S.	50 00
S. L. Harris, as Grand Guardian,	20 00
J. E. Chamberlain, for services of Assistant Messenger, as ordered by the Grand Lodge,	10 00
J. E. Chamberlain, sundries furnished the session,	26 37
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	\$616 37
S. York AtLee, for attendance on Grand Lodge U. States	
Chairman of Portrait Committee,	20 00
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	\$636 37

Which amount the Committee recommend to be paid by the Treasurer.

They also recommend the following resolutions:

JNO. W. ANDERSON
W. A. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Resolved, That the proper officer be authorized to draw an order in favor of P. G. Sire Sherlock, in any sum not exceeding one hundred and ten dollars, so soon as the Grand Secretary shall have been notified by P. G. Sire Sherlock that his Portrait has been shipped to this place.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary JAM. L. Ridgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and the same are hereby authorized either to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge, the surplus funds, if any, or take up the bonds issued for Copy Right of Journal.

Rep. Sessford, of District Columbia, moved to strike out the appropriations of \$20 for expenses of the chairman of the Committee on Portraits, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions of the Committee on Finance, they were severally adopted.

Rep. Forman, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge granting relief to a visiting brother shall be entitled to claim the amount, as granted, from his Subordinate Lodge, to the extent of the benefits to which he is entitled; and that any amount granted beyond this shall be considered a charity, leaving Subordinate Lodges in such cases to do whatever may seem to them honorable and right.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to define explicitly the term "good standing," also the term "contributing membership" and the term "beneficial," as applied to membership in Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge finally adjourns, it be to meet at its next annual session in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, called the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the following form, "shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of the representative of Illinois?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

YEAS.—Reps. Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Conrad, Forman, Fritz, Gillespie, Green, Haines, Holmes (2 votes,) Marshall, Merrick, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Roberts, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Taylor, of Ill., Thorington, Treadway, (2 votes,) Winder, Woodward; P. G. Sire Glazier—30.

NAYS.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, (2 votes,) Bond, Brown of N. H., (2 votes,) Burr, Cole, Deering, (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Frost, Gallagher, Griffin, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, (2 votes,) McKee, Marley, Minor, Morton, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thomas, Towers, Wakefield, Whitall, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—45.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to enquire and report upon the propriety of so changing the rules as to cause the Grand Sire and Grand officers to be installed on the first day of the session after election, instead of the second.

Rep. Allen, of Penn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to define the mode or manner of conferring the Grand Encampment Degree, and admission of members.

The hour having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the special order, being the drawing of lots for the classification of Representatives.

The ballots having been deposited in a box, in the manner prescribed, were drawn by the Grand Marshal as the names of the Grand

Representatives were called by the Grand Secretary, when the following named Representatives drew the numbers attached to their names, respectively to wit.

Grand Lodges.

Maryland, - -	1	{ Ridgely,
	2	{ Marley.
Massachusetts, - -	2	{ Parmenter,
	1	{ Wells.
Virginia, - -	1	{ Robinson,
	2	{ Boak.
New Hampshire, -	2	{ Parker,
	1	{ Brown.
North Carolina, -	1	{ McKee,
	2	{ Burr.
New Jersey, - -	1	{ Read,
	2	{ Wakefield.
Kentucky, - -	1	{ Marshall,
	2	{ Merrick.
Indiana, - -	2	{ Chapman,
	1	{ Dean.
Louisiana, - -	1	{ Kneass,
	2	{ Mott.
Georgia, - -	2	{ Anderson,
	1	{ Griffin.
Michigan, - -	1	{ Ramsdell,
	2	{ Treadway.
South Carolina, -	1	{ DeSaussure,
	2	{ Taylor.
Ohio, - - -	2	{ Green,
	1	{ Spooner.
Maine, - -	2	{ Smith,
	1	{ Deering.
Mississippi, - -	2	{ Brown,
	1	{ Dicks.
District of Columbia,	2	{ Sessford,
	1	{ Moore.
Connecticut, - -	2	{ Minor,
	1	{ Thomas.
Pennsylvania, -	2	{ Fritz,
	1	{ Baker.
Delaware, - -	2	{ Dickson,
	1	{ Harris.
Missouri, -	1	{ Holmes,
	2	{ Moffett.
Rhode Island, - -	1	{ Simons,
	2	{ Knight.
Alabama, - -	2	{ Silsby,
	1	{ Alabama.

Wisconsin,	-	-	1	{	Page,
			2	}	Lott.
Illinois,	-	-	2	{	Roberts,
			1	}	Taylor.
Tennessee,	-		2	{	Smith,
			1	}	Rosborough
Vermont,	-	-	2		Ballou.
Texas,	-	-	1		Conrad.
Iowa,	-	-	2		Thorington.

Grand Encampments.

Pennsylvania,	-	-	2	{	Allen,
			1	}	Haines.
Massachusetts	-		2	{	Cole,
			1	}	Frost.
Ohio,	-	-	1	{	Chapman,
			2	}	Brough.
Maryland,	-	-	1	{	Tewksbury,
			2	}	Zimmerman.
Maine,	-	-	2		Theobald.
Missouri,	-	-	1		Woodward.
Georgia,	-	-	2		Patten.
District of Columbia,	-		1		Towers.
Kentucky,	-	-	2		Gillespie.
Virginia,	-	-	1		Gallaher.
Connecticut,	-	-	2		Abell.
New Hampshire,	-		1		Forman.
Indiana,	-	-	2		Indiana.
Tennessee,	-	-	1		Morton.
Mississippi,	-	-	1		Hastings.
North Carolina,	-	-	2		Disosway
New Jersey,	-	-	1		Bond.
South Carolina,	-		2		Torre.
Michigan,	-	-	2		Winder.
Louisiana,	-	-	1		Whitall.
Delaware,	-	-	1		Askew.
Alabama,	-	-	2		Alabama.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that the term of Representatives who had drawn the number one, expired with the present session, and that the Representatives who had drawn the number two, were members of the September session, 1849.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 22, 8 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand officers and a due representation.

Rep. Sessford, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, report the certificate of the following Representative as correct:

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—P. G. M. E. M. P. Wells.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
N. R. RAMSDELL,
JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.

Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select Committee to whom was referred the communication from P. G. Masters Ropes, Marley, and Thompson, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the subject of the pecuniary distress of P. G. Sire Wildey, submit the following report:

The committee have sought light upon the subject entrusted to them from the best sources, and have received every assistance which they needed in the course of their investigations. They are advised that the venerable P. G. Sire is so involved in his affairs that he is reduced to a situation of the deepest distress. The testimony adduced to the committee showed that the amount of the P. G. Sire's debts equals the sum of eight thousand dollars, much the larger portion of which is in the shape of judgments, and mortgages in course of foreclosure. According to the evidence, the property now in possession of the P. G. Sire would not suffice, if a sale were forced under legal process, to discharge his debts. Should the Order therefore neglect to interpose he will be deprived of the little which he has acquired after a life of labor, and will besides be left to stagger under a balance of debt without hope of extrication. It is only proper to add that P. G. Sire Wildey's embarrassments have resulted from no imprudent or improper act of his own.

The committee feel deeply on this subject, and they believe that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot fail to be equally interested. To attempt to declare the services which Thomas Wildey has rendered to Odd-Fellowship, or to enumerate the claims which he has upon the affections of the fraternity, would be a work of supererogation. His name is inseparably blended with our past history, and so long as our organization shall continue the memory of his labors must survive. The committee would hold themselves obnoxious to universal censure if they hesitated for a moment to recommend that the Order should use every effort for the relief of its founder. For the committee to doubt, or for the Grand Lodge to hesitate, would be to neglect every principle of justice and to forget every obligation of gratitude.

The committee have carefully considered various suggestions as to the course which should be pursued, and after mature deliberation

they have concluded to advise as follows: They recommend to this Grand Lodge to appropriate out of its uninvested funds, if possible, a sufficient amount to pay off the incumbrances on Past Grand Sire Wildey's property. If the uninvested funds be not sufficient for the purpose indicated, the committee further recommend that the deficit be supplied from the invested funds. The committee desire to be understood as recommending, not an absolute gift of this amount, but only a temporary dedication thereof. They advise the Grand Lodge to accept formal assignments of the judgments, mortgages and other claims, and to hold the same as a kind of collateral security for its re-imbursement. That this Grand Lodge should bear the whole brunt of this project of relief, the committee do not believe. They think that it is a work which should not be narrowed within metes and bounds, but that the entire brotherhood should be allowed the privilege of participating. They therefore recommend that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to address a circular letter to the several Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs throughout this jurisdiction, requesting them to communicate the distress of the founder of the Order to their respective Subordinates, and to call on them for such voluntary contributions as they may think fit to bestow. These contributions should be transmitted to the several Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, by their respective Subordinates, and from those officers should be transmitted to the Grand Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge. The fund so to be raised may fitly be designated the "Wildey Fund," and must be applied as it accrues to the extinction of the claims of this Grand Lodge on P. G. Sire Wildey's property. The committee believe that the numerous Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in the country will gladly respond to the proposed appeal, and that the property will be speedily disencumbered.

At this point of the report the subject assumes a new phase. The intention of the Maryland communication was to request, not only relief for the present embarrassments of the Past Grand Sire, but also that provision be made for the comfort of his remaining days. The support of Past Grand Sire Wildey has heretofore been derived principally from the pursuit of his business. The little property, which he now only nominally owns, would be insufficient for his maintenance, even if the incumbrances should be removed. The business in which he is engaged has ceased to be profitable, and there are many reasons for encouraging his discontinuing it. At his years he cannot be expected to turn back the current of his life and to engage in a new occupation. The energy of his mind and the vigor of his body are still unimpaired, but he has reached a patriarchal age, and it is full time for him to retire from the labor of the field to the shelter of the tent. We acknowledge him for our father in Odd-Fellowship, and as his children it becomes us to provide for the comfort of his grey hairs.

The committee feel confident that an arrangement can be made which will secure a competent and respectable support to Past Grand

Sire Wildey, and they suggest the following plan: In the circular letter hereinbefore provided for, let the Corresponding Secretary include a request that the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs call upon their subordinates to bestow upon the Past Grand Sire a small annuity. The committee propose that this annuity be called the "Wildey Annuity," and be collected and transmitted in the same manner as the "Wildey Fund."

It is hardly necessary for the committee to descend to particulars, but it will be obvious to the Grand Lodge that a very small appropriation on the part of each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, will afford to Past Grand Sire Wildey an annuity which will give ease and comfort to the remnant of his life. The committee are certain that every subordinate will cheerfully accede to the proposition.

The committee submit the foregoing to the Grand Lodge, and request the adoption of the resolutions which are appended.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. ROBINSON,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
PETER DELLA TORRE.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw out of the treasury whatever unappropriated balance may remain therein after the close of this Communication, and apply the same to the purchase of the incumbrances on the property of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.

2. *Resolved*, That the said officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to dispose of such amount of the bonds and invested funds held by this Grand Lodge as may be sufficient to complete the purchase aforesaid.

3. *Resolved*, That the said officers, in making the purchase above directed, be and they are hereby required to take legal assignments of all the claims so purchased.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby instructed, to address a circular letter to each Grand Master and Grand Patriarch under this jurisdiction, requesting them to refer the subject of the foregoing report to their respective subordinates.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby further directed, to receive from the several Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, whatever contributions may be made to the "Wildey Fund," until the amount contributed shall equal the sum advanced by this Grand Lodge; and shall carry the contributions so received to the credit of said fund in the books of this Grand Lodge, making a full report thereof at the next Communication.

6. *Resolved*, That should the contributions exceed the necessary amount, the Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to notify the several State authorities thereof, so that the contributions may cease.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to receive the "Wildey Annuity," and to pay the same over to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, in such sums and at such times as the said Past Grand Sire may determine.

8. *Resolved*, That the property, the redemption of which is hereinbefore provided for, shall remain under the management of P. G. Sire Wildey, notwithstanding the claim of this Grand Lodge thereon.

9. *Resolved finally*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary comply with the directions of the fourth resolution so soon after the close of this Communication as may be practicable.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, the report and

resolutions were adopted; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AYES.—Reps. Abell, Allen, Anderson, Askew, Baker, Ballou, Boak, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gallaher, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, McKee, Marshall, Marley, Minor, Moffet, Moore, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thorington, Thomas, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes,) Wakefield, Whitall, Woodward, Zimmerman, Wells, (2 votes;) P. G. Sires Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—68.

NAYS.—Reps. Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Forman, Merrick, Sessford, Spooner—8.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the usage in balloting upon application for membership, and also the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island upon the same subject, report:

That they fully concur with the decision of the Grand Sire so far as relates to the impropriety of balloting anew for an applicant who has been rejected, and with a ballot differing from, and requiring a larger number to reject, than the first ballot, and they recommend that so much be confirmed. But the committee, after much deliberation, feel constrained to differ from his decision declaring that two black balls are sufficient to reject. The committee upon enquiry find that the number of votes required to reject an applicant differs in many of the state jurisdictions; thus, in Pennsylvania, two black balls will reject, while in some of the Southern States, as South Carolina and Georgia, three are required; and that while the Grand Lodge of the United States has described the class of persons who may be admitted to membership in the Order, it has been left to State legislation to decide in what manner they shall be elected.

The committee further report that the gist of the matter contained in the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to wit, the powers of the Grand Sire as regards State jurisdictions, is now in the hands of the committee charged with the New York case. Any expression of opinion by this committee at the present time would be, therefore, inexpedient. They therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Marshall asked a division of the question presented by the report, and the question being on the first branch of the Report, to

wit, so much thereof as affirms the decision of the Grand Sire, touching the impropriety of balloting anew for an applicant, who has been rejected,

Rep. Wells, of Massachusetts, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report a uniform law on the subject of balloting for membership in a lodge.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, rose to speak to the motion; the chair declared that the motion had not previously been considered debateable, for a motion "to recommit with instructions" had been regarded as a motion "to refer," which must, under the rule, be taken without debate. Pending another motion, the motion "to recommit with instructions" could not be entertained unless it were so regarded; still he would submit the question of order to the lodge.

Some conference having taken place upon the subject of the motion "to recommit" and the motion "to refer," Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved as the sense of the Grand Lodge that a motion "to recommit" with instructions and a motion to "refer" are synonymous, which was not agreed to.

The chair then ruled the motion to recommit to be out of order.

On motion of Rep. Cole, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

By unanimous consent,

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS application has been made to the Grand Sire, by a legal number of applicants, to open an Encampment in Georgetown, Sussex County, Delaware, to be called Sussex Encampment, and the applicants have transmitted the fee for charter to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States; the warrant was issued, but for various causes the Encampment has not yet been opened; and whereas, since such application to the Grand Sire, a Grand Encampment has been regularly opened, and is now working in the State of Delaware; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States hand over to the Grand Encampment of Delaware the amount of the fee so paid, and direct the Grand Encampment of Delaware to open such Encampment in Georgetown, Delaware, as soon as the proper arrangement is made for the session of such Encampment.

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was re-referred the Petitions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, praying that a portion of the dues paid into this Grand Lodge be refunded, report:

That they are unable to arrive at any conclusion in regard to the same, and beg leave to refer the same back to this R. W. Grand Body, for their disposal.

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. M. CONRAD.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Vermont have paid as dues to the funds of this Grand Lodge the sum of \$243.93 for the term ending December 30th, 1847, and whereas about half of this term transpired after the Grand Lodge of Vermont should have been instituted; therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 of the said dues be refunded by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont.

Rep. Whitall, of Louisiana, moved further to amend by remitting the dues from the Subordinate Encampments of Louisiana, from Jan. 1, 1848, to the end of the term, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Finance, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Parmenter, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the subject embraced in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the whole matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York be referred to a special committee, to be appointed by this Grand Lodge—

Beg leave to report:

They have sought to discharge their important duty by thorough investigation and careful deliberation. With the knowledge that the subject committed to them involved the consideration of the causes of discord in the largest State jurisdiction of the Order, they have patiently and with the deepest anxiety inquired into the facts of the controversy, and have, with aid of testimony and argument from the parties, endeavored to arrive at a just result.

The printed testimony is herewith presented in obedience to instructions.* It will be found, much of it at least, to be of little value, as having direct bearing upon the points of inquiry. The committee did not feel at liberty, in view of the prominence which this case has assumed, to enforce strict legal rules upon its admission. They were anxious, although it might be at the cost of some time and labor, that the parties should stand before the Grand Lodge, for the most part, according to their own wishes.

The committee find that at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Committee of Appeals had under consideration certain matters pertaining to the jurisdiction of New York, and among them the action of that body in reference to alterations in its Constitution. In pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee of Appeals, this Grand Lodge determined, in effect, that the form of Constitution prepared by a Convention appointed under direction of the Grand Lodge of New York, except such parts as were stricken out upon report of the Committee on Constitutions, be referred to the Grand Lodge of New York, with a command that the said form of Constitution be acted upon by that body, at its session in November, 1847, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly before it in pursuance of article vi,

* See Appendix.

section 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of N. York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, and which was declared by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. to be the fundamental law. This Grand Lodge further ordered that the report of the Committee of Appeals, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge of New York. (V. II Proceedings G. L. U. S. pp. 1111, 1125, 1127.)

In pursuance of this order, the different particulars of the action of this Grand Lodge were collated by the Corresponding Secretary, after an opportunity of reviewing the same had been afforded to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. They were at once transmitted in a printed form, and were received as a "mandate" by the Grand Lodge of New York. A copy of this document, marked A, accompanies this report.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of New York, commencing on the 3d day of Nov. 1847, as appears by the printed proceedings (doc. I, p. 248) the following resolution was offered by Grand Rep. Dwinelle:

"Resolved, That the form of Constitution reported by the Convention held in November, 1846, which was referred to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, except such parts thereof as were then stricken out by said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and hereby is amended and adopted, and declared to be the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and as amended and adopted it shall read as follows."

The testimony offered to the committee conflicts upon the point whether this resolution was offered in manuscript, and separate from any other document, or in a printed shape with the form of constitution named in the resolution appended. Although much testimony was introduced in reference to this particular, the committee are not prepared to consider the point of primary importance, and have therefore, without an effort to reconcile the evidence, believed that a just conclusion would not be thwarted, by assuming that the resolution and form of constitution were offered in combination, and constituted a single substantive proposition. It may be asserted for the purposes of the inquiry, that the resolution with "a form of constitution" was contained in one document, and were together submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to take a recess for a short time, during which copies of the printed document were distributed among the members; and after the re-assembling of the Grand Lodge, early in the afternoon, a further recess until the next day was ordered, by a resolution which also provided that the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle should be a special assignment in the course of business. Upon the succeeding day the resolution and its appendix were read, and their adoption moved; an amendment was offered by a member of the Grand Lodge; the previous question was called for by the mover of the original resolution. The chair decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution, as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Upon appeal, the decision of the chair was reversed, and a vote was taken, the result

of which is recorded in the printed proceedings as having been declared in terms, "that the resolution and the convention constitution *as amended*" were adopted; and in the manuscript minutes of the Grand Secretary, that the resolution and the *amendments* to the convention constitution were adopted. A reconsideration was also moved by the original mover of the resolution, which was determined in the negative. Each member of the minority voted under a protest, which was afterwards spread upon the journal, and the manuscript of which is herewith presented, marked D.

By the testimony of P. G. Barnard, it appears that the action of the majority was in pursuance of a pre-arrangement, which it was thought the emergency rendered necessary.

This is an outline of the proceedings out of which have grown the lamentable difficulties in the Order in New York. The details of subsequent measures, which have sundered the Grand Lodge of that State, are not in evidence before the committee, nor is it necessary that they should be, for the correct determination of this matter.

The committee are of the opinion that, upon the single inquiry, did the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, obey the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States? depends the entire series of the matters which are brought to the notice of this Grand Lodge, in reference to the controversy in New York. If the convention constitution, with the alterations required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, has been adopted, then the body acting under that constitution is *de jure* the Grand Lodge of New York. If the constitution has not been acted upon, but another and different constitution has been adopted by a portion of the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of New York, under which they act, then such body cannot be recognized as the Grand Lodge of New York by this Grand Lodge.

There can be no question that the constitution submitted with the resolution, and acted upon at the November session of the Grand Lodge of New York, is not identical with the convention constitution as revised by the Grand Lodge of the United States. It contains important variations from that instrument. It is changed in its essential character to an extent certainly sufficient to prevent, even under a liberal construction, its recognition as the original form. By a comparison it is found that many alterations have been introduced, some of which are of vital consequence, into the instrument acted upon, which are not to be discovered in the convention form. That alterations existed was not disputed, and it was only urged that they were properly adopted as amendments by the single vote to amend and adopt, which was had. A comparison of these instruments, herewith presented, document B and document C, in connection with the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (document A) will disclose the non-identity. The important features appearing in the constitution adopted, those of allowing the Grand committees the power to assemble in the P. N. G. degree, the expulsion of a member from the Grand Lodge by a Grand com-

mittee, the provision for the summary removal of the Grand Master, with the many other alterations, constitute it, in the opinion of the committee, an instrument essentially different from that to which the mandate of the Grand Lodge has reference.

The committee cannot interpret the order of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of New York, to act upon a certain form of constitution, "*to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same*" in the manner provided by the law then existing in that body, with such wide latitude as to recognise these instruments as essentially the same. They understand the order of the Grand Lodge to have been based in some measure upon the fact that the emergency of the Order in the state of New York required distinct instructions from this body in regard to the procedure in the adoption of a constitution. That in the wide difference of opinion which prevailed in that state as to the legality in the mode of adopting a constitution, the Grand Lodge of the United States was required to interfere, and, "to cover irregularities," order that a precise form of constitution should be acted upon, under the well understood provisions of the old constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York. The order of the Grand Lodge of the United States was the true ground of compromise, and if strictly carried out was calculated to restore harmony to the Order in N. Y. It was an act of the Grand Lodge of the United States, within the scope of its large conservative power and discretion, to effect that which the parties interested could not accomplish, in consequence of difficulties arising from conflict of opinion, as well as imperfection of existing laws. It was the duty of the Grand Lodge to comply in strict terms with the instructions of the supreme body, and to carry them into execution in the same spirit of compromise in which they were conceived.

The committee do not think that this has been done. The form of constitution which this Grand Lodge directed to be presented to the Grand Lodge of New York for action, was not presented, but another and a different instrument was presented. It cannot be urged that in the archives of that Grand Lodge, or in the Grand Lodge room, the Convention Constitution was present, as well as the other documents qualifying it, and were therefore to be deemed to be before the Grand Lodge for action, and as the original proposition to which the instrument offered was an amendment. It is certain, upon all the evidence offered, that this constitution and documents were not specifically called up for action, and were not in the terms of the mandate of the Grand Lodge, taken up and acted upon any more than any other documents upon the files of the Grand Lodge of New York. The paper offered was by no action, formal or informal, connected with the Convention Constitution and accompanying documents. The members present were no more bound judicially to take notice of these papers, as before them for action, than of any other documents or records having a bearing upon the subject of a constitution or upon any other subject, not called up. The only subject upon which the Grand Lodge of New York was called to act was the distinct,

original proposition of P. G. Rep. Dwinelle, beginning with the word "resolved," and continuing to whatever extent the evidence appears to designate. Whether the document was the resolution simply or the resolution and its appendix, the mandate of the Grand Lodge was not complied with.

It is of consequence in the view of the committee, that the minority at the time of action upon the resolution and its appendix, in the Grand Lodge of New York, entered their solemn protest against the course of the majority. Under an unfair interpretation of the words "amend and adopt," as contained in the mandate of the G. Lodge of the United States, an instrument, by a combination of motions in one, which in all deliberative bodies are separately acted upon, was adopted and amended by a single vote. Although the committee are not disposed to insist that irregularities in the manner of voting should invalidate the result, if the mandate of this Grand Lodge were substantially complied with, yet the violation of the rules of order of the Grand Lodge of New York, by the majority acting upon the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle, and the unfair preparation before the meeting of the G. Lodge for obstructing the privilege of the minority, should not be overlooked or readily excused. It is important to know that the minority did not in any sense acquiesce in the irregular action, but protested upon the instant against the disobedience to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, and against the abuse of their rights as members of the Grand Lodge of New York.

By the evidence produced before the committee, it appeared that on the third day of April last, Thaddeus Davids, the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, refused to open the Grand Encampment, assigning as a reason for such refusal that there were persons in the Grand Encampment room, refusing to leave, who were members of suspended lodges; that soon thereafter, the proper time having arrived for opening the Grand Encampment, some person present called upon Issachar Reed, then H. P. of said Encampment, to open the same, which he proceeded to do, the Grand Patriarch still remaining in the room and in his seat, forbidding the opening of the encampment. Upon the encampment being so opened, the H. P. called upon the Grand Scribe, John J. Davies, to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting. This he refused to do, in consequence of being forbidden by the Grand Patriarch. Dwinelle then offered a resolution to remove Davids and Davies from office, which was carried. (See document 12, page 256.) On motion of Barnard, they then balloted for and elected John L. Van Boskerck, Grand Scribe. (See same document and page.) On the 31st July, 1848, Joseph R. Taylor was elected Grand Patriarch, and T. M. Clark, Grand High Priest, and on the 14th of August, Taylor was installed, by his predecessor, Grand Patriarch Thaddeus Davids, and the charter of the Grand Encampment then delivered to him; after which, Grand Patriarch J. R. Taylor installed the other officers elect; all of which will more fully appear by the printed evidence and documents thereto attached, herewith

submitted. In view of these facts, your committee are of opinion that the action of the Grand Encampment, on the third of April, in removing, or attempting to remove, Grand Patriarch Davids and Grand Scribe Davies from office, is unauthorized by the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, or the general laws or principles of the Order.

These are the conclusions of your committee, upon a deliberate examination of the facts presented. If it shall seem to this Grand Lodge that they are correct deductions from the evidence, and they shall be approved by vote, it is sincerely to be desired that the members of the Order, in the jurisdiction of New York, may join in restoring the harmony and efficiency of the Order in their midst.

The accompanying resolutions are respectfully submitted:

W. E. PARMENTER,
N. R. RAMSDELL,
W. D. BAKER,
WM. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That John J. Davies and James W. Hale are the legal Representatives from the Grand Lodge of New York, and Joseph D. Stewart and W. W. Dibblee are the legal Representatives from the Grand Encampment of New York, and that they be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Bodies by whom the foregoing Representatives are elected or appointed, are hereby recognized as having a legal existence under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

DOCUMENTS PRODUCED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTERS INVOLVED IN THE NEW YORK CASE.

- A. Mandate from Grand Lodge of United States to Grand Lodge of New York.
- B. Resolution and Constitution, submitted to Grand Lodge of New York at November session, 1847, by Dwinelle.
- C. Convention Constitution, engrossed copy.
- D. Protest offered in Grand Lodge of New York, Nov. session, 1847, against action upon Constitution.
- E. Proceedings of Grand Lodge of New York, Nov. session, 1847, as first published by Grand Secretary.
- F. Exception of Bro. Dwinelle to the ruling of Committee.
- G. Notice to Committee, from Hale and Davies, declining to cross-examine John G. Treadwell.
- H. Question raised by counsel for Hale and Davies, in relation to the recognizing, by the committee of a body claiming to be a Grand Lodge, but acting without a charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States.
- I. Proceedings of Grand Lodge of New York, as claimed by counsel for Hale and Davies to be correctly published.
- K. Resolution and Constitution submitted to Grand Lodge of New York by Dwinelle, furnished the Committee by Theo. A. Ward.
- L. Copy of Convention Constitution before Committee on Appeals of last session Grand Lodge of United States, and being also the same copy reported upon by the Committee on Constitutions of the same session.
- M. Original resolution prepared by Barnard for printer of document offered by Dwinelle in Grand Lodge of New York.
- N. Letter from John G. Treadwell to Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of United States, forwarding the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of United States, Nov. session, 1847, and the proceedings of the same session of that body.
- O. Pamphlet accompanying same.
- P. Old Constitution of Grand Lodge of New York.
- Q. Convention Constitution identified by John A. Kennedy.

R. Manuscript sheets of proceedings of Grand Lodge of New York, Nov. session, 1847.

X. Protest of Dwinelle against action of Committee.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was ordered that the report now lie on the table, and be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS John G. Potts,* Past Grand Master and Past Chief Patriarch, and D. D. Grand Sire, whose labors are well known to all who are acquainted with Odd-Fellowship in the far West as being of the most arduous kind, traveling over a great extent of the country and frequently to the sacrifice of his pecuniary interest, for the purpose of establishing and advancing the interest of our Order in that far region of country.—And whereas

The said John G. Potts, is justly entitled to the Grand Encampment degree for service in office, and as there is no Grand Encampment in the State of Illinois of which he is a citizen, and as a mark of esteem and respect for his services and his attachment to the Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Sire of the State of Iowa be and he is hereby authorized to confer the Grand Encampment Degree upon said John G. Potts at his earliest convenience in some private apartment that he may select.

Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on this subject, made the following report, which, being a proposed amendment of the by-laws, was laid on the table under the rule.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's annual report as relates to the printing of the journal, &c., respectfully recommend the adoption of the following by-laws: (To be inserted in the proper place.)

"That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati, to invite proposals for the printing of the journal of this body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the first volume, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received, shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until 12 o'clock, noon, of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of

* D. D. G. S. John G. Potts was a member of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania before the introduction of the G. E. degree, and thus was entitled to the degree.

the committee on printing, to be by them opened, examined and decided upon."

"That a standing committee be appointed at the commencement of every session, in the same manner as other standing committees, whose duty it shall be to open and decide upon such proposals as may have been made to do any of the printing of this body, and report their decision, and the terms of their contract, to the Grand Lodge for its approval and confirmation."

WILLIAM M. AILEN,
H. F. ASKEW,
WM. W. MOORE.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Minor, of Connecticut, and Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 23, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment; present Horn R. Kneass, M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand officers, and a due representation.

Prayer by the Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following D. D. G. Sires, for the year 1849:

For Vermont,	Eli Ballou, of Montpelier,	Vermont.
" Florida,	Wiley Williams, of Columbus,	Georgia.
" Rhode Island,	Henry L. Webster, of Providence,	R. Island.
" Wisconsin,	W. D. Wilson, of Milwaukee,	Wisconsin.
" Iowa,	James Thorington, of Davenport,	Iowa.
" S. Illinois,	Charles H. Constable, Mount Carmel,	Ill.
" N. Illinois,	S. W. Woodward, Galena,	Illinois.
" Arkansas,	James B. Kendall, of Fort Smith,	Arkan.
" Texas,	Oscar Farish, of Galveston,	Texas.
" Pacific Coast.	Alexander V. Fraser.	

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to a violation of the laws with regard to printing odes, report:

That the exclusive right of this body to print odes has been so often recognized as to need no reiteration on the part of the committee—and State Grand and Subordinate Lodges are forbidden to interfere therewith. In order that the abuse complained of in the

report may be corrected, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to issue, as soon as practicable, a circular to be sent to the several Grand bodies within whose jurisdictions such abuse exists, requesting that the same may be corrected. And that in case of a failure to comply therewith, he be instructed to report, at the next session, in what jurisdictions such violations of the law continue.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendment of the 25th by-law, submitted by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, be deferred until the next session of this Grand Lodge

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of New Jersey, report:

That they have examined and recommend the approval of the same.

ROB'T MOTT,
W. MERRICK,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication presented by Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, together with other papers on the same subject, presented by Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, report:

That upon examination of the papers submitted, they find the following to be the case. The Grand Master of Michigan presented a charge against Oriental Lodge No. 19, of the District of Columbia, that in violation of article 30 of the by-laws, said Oriental Lodge had initiated into the Order Calvin C. Jackson, a citizen and resident of Michigan, who had temporarily removed to Washington, in the District of Columbia. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia referred the charge to a committee of supervision, who obtained a report from said Oriental Lodge, in which it is stated that the said Calvin C. Jackson, in his application, styled himself a resident of Washington, and that so considering him, he was initiated by the Oriental Lodge. From the testimony before the committee, they are unable to decide whether or not Jackson had made such a change of residence as was necessary before he could be initiated in Oriental

Lodge. The Grand Master of Michigan expressly denies the intention of Jackson to make any other than a temporary stay in Washington, while the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia would seem to imply the power in their subordinates to initiate any persons who may assume a temporary residence in the District of Columbia. In the opinion of the committee, the position assumed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is expressly denied by the report adopted and found on page 1079 volume ii of Journal. The committee, therefore, recommend that in case the Grand Master of Michigan can make it evident to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia that the residence of said Jackson was merely temporary, it shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge of said District to punish Oriental Lodge for a violation of known law.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed to examine Sutherland's Parliamentary Rules and Practice, and report such regulations of order therefrom as may be useful for the better conduct of business in the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report:

The committee consider the subject of great importance, and they have been unable to devote sufficient time for the proper performance of the duty. They therefore respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge that time be granted them until the next communication. The interval between the present meeting and the next will afford abundant time for the proper compilation of a manual which may permanently serve the purpose of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOPKINS,
ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
WM. W. MOORE,

Resolved, That the Committee on Parliamentary Rules be allowed until the next Communication to present their report, provided that this Grand Lodge incur no expense for the attendance of the members of said committee.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, (as appears on page 1190 of the journal) be deferred until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, moved that the Lodge now proceed to consider the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, laid on the table on the motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, (page 1290,) which being considered, was adopted.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of Bro. Oscar Far-

nish, as D. D. G. Sire for the State of Texas, for the residue of the term of D. D. G. S. Sundbury, whose resignation had been made and accepted.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. S. Kneass, of Louisiana, enquiring whether a junior Past Grand can be elected by a Subordinate Lodge as a representative to the State Grand Lodge, report:

That by virtue of service in the N. G.'s chair, an officer becomes entitled to the rank of Past Grand, and right to a seat in the Grand Lodge; he can therefore be elected representative.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiry presented by Rep. Brown, of Mississippi, whether a Grand Encampment can adopt a uniform system of constitutions for their subordinates, and whether the subordinates will be bound to conform to such constitutions, report:

That the State Grand Bodies being expressly declared the legislative heads of the Order in their several jurisdictions, have unquestionably the power to do so, and the subordinates will be bound to conform to such constitutions.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Read, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a certificate, signed by the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, be presented to P. C. P. Alex. V. Fraser, who has been appointed special representative to the Pacific; also, copies of the journals of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, it was ordered that the Report of the committee on "the unwritten work," be copied on parchment, and inserted in the Secret Journal, and that the original report be preserved.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiries presented by Rep. Bond, of New Jersey, report:

That in reply to the first enquiry, whether a subordinate, on conviction of an officer for official misconduct, can inflict a punishment which shall, by suspension or expulsion, deprive him of his rights in Odd-Fellowship, the committee are of opinion the character of the official misconduct must decide; if it is of a nature unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, charges may be regularly preferred, and suspension or expulsion take place as the lodge decides.

That in reply to the second enquiry, what extent of penalty can be adjudged upon an officer who shall be found guilty of official misconduct, his character as a man and Odd-Fellow not being impugned, the committee are of opinion depends upon the constitution and by-laws of the Subordinate Lodge, or the penalty affixed by the legislation of the State Grand Lodge for such official misconduct.

That in reply to the third and fourth enquiries, as to the power of officers of subordinates to use the seal, the committee are of opinion such officers are merely the executive agents of those bodies, and should have no power to use the seal unless so ordered by the subordinates, or in accordance with positive enactments of the several Grand bodies under whose jurisdictions they work.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiry presented by Rep. Frost, of Massachusetts, relative to the right of subordinates to refuse to receive the dues of a brother who shall be indebted to the lodge in an amount sufficient to deprive him of the benefits, but shall be in other respects in good standing in the lodge, report:

That the dues to a lodge accrue weekly, and only for the convenience of the lodge are paid at stated periods; it is therefore at any time the right of a brother to pay his dues; but the committee are also of opinion, that in case a brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of his own subordinate from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted while he continues sick to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits, since an injury would be thereby inflicted on such members of the lodge as are regular in payment of their dues; the brother by his own act has committed wrong, and it would be improper to permit him to derive benefit from his own negligence.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That when the Encampments of the State of Wisconsin shall have complied with the by-laws regulating the subject of petitions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to the satisfaction of the executive officers of this body, a charter be granted for a Grand Encampment in the State of Wisconsin, to be located at such place, within the limits of that State, as may be designated by the petitioners.

On motion of Rep. Read, of N. Jersey, that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into secret session, it was agreed to.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when, on motion, the Grand Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes. On resuming business—

Rep. Thorington, of Iowa, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day, for Rep. McKee, of North Carolina.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the suggestion in the Grand Secretary's report, touching the printing of the Grand Lodge, and the proposed by-law accompanying the same—which was agreed to.

The proposed by-law being under consideration, Rep. Gillespie moved to strike out the words, "Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati, New York," from the same.

On motion of Rep. Wells, of Mass., the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary be directed to furnish five copies of the daily journal which have not already been furnished to each representative.

The Chair named the following committee:

The committee to prepare a uniform constitution for Grand Lodges, and a uniform constitution for Grand Encampments—P. G. S. Hopkins, Rep. Ridgely, P. G. S. Glazier.

The hour appointed having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the day, to wit, the report of the committee on the matters in controversy in the jurisdiction of New York, which being under consideration,

On motion of Rep. Cole, of Massachusetts, to concur in the report and adopt the resolutions accompanying the same,

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, moved to lay the motion of Rep. Cole on the table.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abell, Anderson, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Conrad, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Forman, Gallaher, Green, Griffin, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Merrick, (2 votes,) Moffet, (2 votes,) Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes,) Treadway, Wakefield; P. G. S. Kennedy—49.

NAYS.—Reps. Allen, Baker, (2 votes,) Cole, Deering, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Kneass, Marley, Morton, Ramsdell, Sessford, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Tewksbury, Towers, Wells, (2 votes,) Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Hopkins—27.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, it was ordered that no member shall be permitted, when the report of the committee on the New York controversy shall be taken up for consideration, to speak longer than twenty minutes, nor employ longer than five minutes in reply.

Rep. Wells, of Massachusetts, moved to amend by striking out the words "twenty minutes," and inserting the words "ten minutes."

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which being seconded, was put in the form following, "shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative, the main question was then put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Robinson, of Virginia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abell, Allen, (2 votes,) Anderson, Baker, Boak, Brown, of N. Hamp., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Cole, Conrad, Deering, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Green, Griffin, Harris, Knight, (2 votes,) Kneass, Marley, Moffet, (2 votes,) Morton, Page, (2 votes,) Parmenter, Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn. (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thorington, Thomas, (2 votes,) Towers, Whitall, Winder, Woodward, Wells, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—58.

NAYS.—Reps. Bond, Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Forman, Gallaher, Merrick, (2 votes,) Mott, Parker, Read, Sessford, (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakefield—18.

Rep. Robinson, of Virginia, moved that when the Grand Lodge proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee on the New York controversy, that one of the contestants on each side be allowed the same length of time to address the lodge on the subject which has been allowed to members; which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abell, Boak, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Deering, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Fritz, Gallaher, Green, Griffin, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Merrick, (2 votes,) Moffet, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Patten, Ramsdell, Read, Ridgely, Robinson, Roberts, (2 votes,) Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Spooner, Thomas, (2 votes,) Towers, Treadway, Wells, (2 votes,) Wakefield—53.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Baker, Cole, Conrad, Dickson, Frost, Gillespie, Kneass, Marley, Morton, Tewksbury, (2 votes,) Thorington, Whitall, Woodward; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Hopkins—18.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, to report at the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge a form of service to be uniformly observed, if adopted, in laying corner stones and dedications of Odd-Fellows' Halls; *Provided*, nevertheless, the same shall be attended with no expense to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, report:

That they have examined and amended the same; adding to clause 1 of section 1, article ii, "and of all Past Grands belonging to Subordinates of this Grand Lodge; but Past Grands, who are not representatives, shall not be allowed to vote except for the election of officers," and as amended recommend the approval thereof.

ROBT MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Allen, of Pennsylvania, directing a definition of the mode of conferring the Grand Encampment Degree and admission of members, report:

That the subject has been already reported and acted upon in secret session; the committee therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. Baker, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and is hereby permitted (if she so require) to change that part of her constitution which has reference to the annual meeting held on the fourth Monday in April, so as to read 10 o'clock A. M. instead of 5½ o'clock, as it now reads.

P. G. S. Kennedy moved that the Lodge now proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the New York controversy, and the question being put to the Lodge,

Rep. Torre, of S. Carolina, moved a call of the Lodge, which was agreed to.

The call having been gone through, and a quorum having been found present,

The Lodge proceeded with the consideration of the resolution of P. G. Sire Kennedy, that the report of the committee on the New

York controversy, now lying on the table, be taken up, which was agreed to; the yeas and nays on the motion having been asked by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, they appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, (2 votes,) Anderson, Baker, Ballou, Burr, (2 votes,) Cole, Deering, Dickson, Frost, Gillespie, Griffin, Kneass, Marley, Mott, Page, (2 votes,) Parmenter, Patten, Ramsdell, Ridgely, Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., Tewksbury, Towers, Whitall, Wells, Woodward, Zimmerman; P. G. Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—37.

NAYS.—Reps. Bond, Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Conrad, Torre, DeSausure, (2 votes,) Forman, Fritz, Green, Haines, Harris, Holmes, Knight, (2 votes,) Marshall, Merrick, Moffet, Parker, Read, Roberts, (2 votes,) Smith, of Tennessee, (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakefield—31.

The report of the committee being under consideration, Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, from the minority, submitted the following report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, the minority of the committee to whom was referred the investigation of the difficulties in the Order in the State of New York, and to report thereon, would respectfully report:

That in conjunction with the other members of the committee, he has examined into the matters referred to said committee, and dissenting from the opinions adopted by the majority, has arrived at the following conclusions of law and of fact:

The Grand Lodge of New York having involved itself in great embarrassment by an unsuccessful effort to revise its constitution, was relieved by the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last September session, by the passage of the following resolutions, namely:

“Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was in force prior to August, 1846, is now the fundamental law of the said Grand Lodge; and that article vi, section 1, of the said constitution, which was stricken out, be and hereby is restored and declared in full force and effect, except so far as is reserved in the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York; and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action in pursuance of article ix, section 1, of its constitution; provided, however, that the constitution, as adopted, be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the require-

ments of article 10 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

After the passage of the above resolutions, the form of constitution mentioned in them was referred to the committee on constitutions in the Grand Lodge of the United States, who reported three amendments to the same, and their report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Immediately after the adjournment of that session of the G. L. of the U. States, its Grand Corresponding Secretary prepared an abstract of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the subject, containing the report of the Committee of Appeals, the resolutions as adopted, the report of the Committee on Constitutions, and the action adopting it, which was printed in a collected form, and certified by him officially to the Grand Lodge of New York, which received it by its Grand Secretary before its November session in that year. The Grand Corresponding Secretary did not transmit to the Grand Lodge of New York any written or printed copy of the constitution referred to in the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or of any constitution whatever, in as much as he deemed that the printed abstract of the proceedings which he did officially furnish, was amply sufficient for the guidance and instruction of the Grand Lodge of New York, as his testimony before this committee makes clearly apparent.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States judged rightly that it was not necessary for him to transmit any printed or written form of constitution to the Grand Lodge of New York, for the Grand Lodge of the United States had only an informal copy of that constitution before it, while the Grand Lodge of New York had the original in its archives. On receiving the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge of New York could therefore precisely determine what action it was required to take, and at once adopt that action. The convention constitution was moreover a document which was well known throughout the jurisdiction in New York, and had not only been printed in various forms and generally distributed among the Past Grands in the State, but was besides printed bodily in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York at its August session, 1847, which had been distributed among its members. At the November session of the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1847, soon after the opening of the Grand Lodge, a printed resolution in the following terms was offered, namely:

"Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention held in November, 1846, which was referred to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, except such parts thereof as were then stricken out by said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and hereby is amended and adopted and declared to be the constitution of this Grand Lodge, and as amended and adopted, it shall read as follows."

To this resolution, and forming a part of the same, was appended,

in a printed form, what was alleged to be the convention constitution, with those parts stricken out which the Grand Lodge of the United States had stricken out, and with certain amendments incorporated therein. Thus the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, which had been by the very terms of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States placed before the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session in 1847, for its action, "to adopt or reject or amend and adopt," was taken up for amendment and adoption. On comparison of this document with the convention constitution, it will be found that it does contain the general structure of the convention constitution, and also those broad and peculiar organic features of the convention constitution which distinguish that constitution from all others, and mark it as the form of constitution specified in the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It also appears that it does not contain those provisions of the convention constitution which were stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States. It also contains many amendments, some of which are substantial, but most of which are verbal or of little importance, and all of which were fully authorized by the power granted to "amend and adopt." If it was legally adopted, then there is no doubt that it is the "convention constitution amended and adopted, with those parts stricken out which the Grand Lodge of the United States itself struck out" and submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York for its action, by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the U. States.

To ascertain whether it was legally adopted, it is well now to recur to the action of the Grand Lodge of New York upon it. The resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied, was before the Grand Lodge during the first day of the session, when a recess was ordered, and printed copies of the resolution, in which the proposed constitution was embodied, were generally distributed among the Past Grands present, and a large number of printed copies remained undistributed in the Grand Lodge Room after all were supplied. The members present, therefore, had an ample opportunity of knowing what was before the Grand Lodge for its action. Finally, on the re-assembling of the Grand Lodge, the resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied was made the special order for the next day, to which time the Grand Lodge took a further recess, and the Past Grands resident in the city of New York sat in regular organized committee upon that printed resolution, embodying the proposed constitution, in the recess. At the prescribed time on the next day, the Grand Lodge of New York proceeded to act upon the adoption of the proposed constitution. The resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied was then taken up and read, from the beginning of the resolution to the end of the constitution; and after the reading was finished, an amendment was proposed to one of the sections of the proposed constitution by Past Grand Sire John A. Kennedy. The previous question was then called for, and sustained by the Grand Lodge. A point of order was then raised

as to the effect of the previous question. The acting Grand Master decided that under the previous question as ordered, the vote was about to be taken upon the adoption of the convention constitution, without any amendment. This decision was appealed from, on the ground that under the previous question as ordered the vote was about to be taken upon the adoption of the resolution embodying the constitution in its amended form. The appeal was sustained, and the decision of the acting Grand Master reversed. The question was then taken, and the resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied was adopted by a more than two-thirds vote, a two-thirds vote being all that was required by the then existing constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York for the adoption of constitutional amendments. One party insists that the "*resolution and constitution*" were then declared adopted by the presiding officer; the other party insists that only the "*resolution*" was declared adopted. It cannot be material which announcement was made, inasmuch as the resolution embodied the constitution, and the adoption of the resolution by a two-third vote necessarily involved the adoption of that constitution; moreover, the Grand Lodge had just decided that very point.

The objection has been made to the legality of the foregoing action of the Grand Lodge of New York, that the convention constitution, in the shape in which the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States had left it, was not formally presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at the time it was acted upon. To this the obvious reply is, that this was not necessary, because, as before stated, the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States itself, by its very terms, laid that form of constitution before the Grand Lodge of New York for its action. Moreover, the original convention constitution was in the archives of the Grand Lodge of New York, and when the resolution for its amendment and adoption was offered, was on the desk of the Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge Room. Such parts of it as were stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States, must, in contemplation of law, be supposed to have no further legal existence.

Moreover, the Grand Lodge of New York was merely called upon to perform a certain *act*, and the only question to be asked of that Grand Lodge is, did it *perform that act*? and not, by what lights it presumed to walk in the paths of its duty? Even if the Grand Lodge of New York had not had the official evidence which the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the G. L. U. S. furnished to it, and yet by other lights, or without any light at all, did the very thing which the Grand Lodge of the United States required it to do, and at the very time, too, when the act was directed to be done, that act must be justified and accepted as a full performance of the mandate. Such a compliance the Grand Lodge of the State of New York presents to us, and it is not permitted us to inquire under what guidance the act was done. It is sufficient that the act required was actually performed.

It is again objected that the Grand Lodge of New York erred in deciding that the vote pending after the ordering of the previous question was the adoption of the resolution in which the proposed constitution was embodied, instead of the adoption of the convention constitution, as decided by the acting Grand Master. But to this the answer is that all legislative bodies have the inherent right of construing their own rules of order without appeal; and the Grand Lodge of the United States has at this very session refused to entertain an appeal from a grand body on a point arising upon its construction of its own rules of order. The then existing constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York provided expressly that that body might construe its own rules of order, on appeal from the decision of the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge, therefore, had a right to construe its own rules of order on that point, and having so decided, and the final vote having been taken under a full knowledge of the effect of that decision, no good objection can be taken to the validity of that action. Moreover, if the objection thus taken were to prevail, its effect would be to establish the fact that the convention constitution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York in the precise shape in which it was left by the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, without any further amendments. This result is not contended for by those who resist the amended constitution, and would probably be very unacceptable to them, but it is the legitimate result of their proposition. But while it is clear that the constitution, as embodied in the resolution, was legally adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, still this point is not involved in the question at issue; for the organization of the Grand Lodge of New York, the election and installation of its officers, and the election of its Grand Representatives, would be the same under the convention constitution as under the amended form of that constitution, as actually adopted; and whether the one constitution or the other was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, the body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of New York, and working under a constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, in November, 1847, of which Daniel P. Barnard is Grand Master, and John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon are Grand Representatives, must be recognized as the legal body. But it clearly appears not only that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York itself understood that it had adopted the form of constitution embodied in the resolution passed upon, but that the Grand Master so understood it, for in his official letter to the M. W. Grand Sire upon that subject, which bears date on the 17th day of November, 1847, and a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked A, and made a part of this report, he distinctly states the fact that the resolution with the constitution annexed, and which was a part of it, was adopted by a two-third vote. This official manuscript letter, which in its verbal structure does not correspond with the journal of proceedings in the two conflicting forms in which it is furnished by the contesting parties, furnishes decisive proof as to what actually took place

at the November session, in regard to the adoption of an amended constitution.

On the receipt of this letter of the Grand Master of New York, the M. W. Grand Sire, after taking time for deliberation, responded by an official letter, under date of Nov. 27, 1847, which is hereto annexed, marked B, and made a part of this report. In this official communication the M. W. Grand Sire embodies a most conclusive argument, showing that the Grand Lodge of New York did, at its November session, fully comply with the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and did "amend and adopt the form of the convention constitution," in the spirit of the resolutions of the G. L. U. S. The only question reserved by the M. W. Grand Sire was the question of the point of time at which the constitution as so adopted should go into operation. On this point the Grand Sire instructed the Grand Master of New York that it could not go into operation until it had been finally approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States. But that express point was decided otherwise, in a report made and adopted at the last session of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, and recorded on pages 453 and 454 of the 2d volume of the proceedings in these words:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the query presented by Rep. AtLee, of the District of Columbia, report.

Under the by-laws, (article x,) the constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge, or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be referred to this Grand Lodge for its approval. The committee believe that the analogy of the law includes also amendments to such constitutions. The committee therefore report that the constitutions of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and all amendments thereto, must be submitted to this body for examination. If approved, they of course become the organic law. If error be found, the error must be corrected. In order to cover the whole ground, the committee take leave to add that, in the interval between the adoption of the constitution, or amendments, and its confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, *it is binding upon the body by which it has been adopted.*

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
E. M. P. WELLS,
J. W. STOKES."

Article x of the by-laws requires that the constitution of a body chartered by the G. L. of U. S. shall, on its adoption, be forwarded to the G. L. of U. S. for approval. The concluding proviso of the second resolution passed by the G. L. of U. S. in the New York case as above recorded, merely announces the same law as applicable to the constitution about to be adopted by the Grand Lodge of

New York. The above decisive construction of article 10 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of U. States applies with equal force to the same proviso as contained in the said resolution, and it may, therefore, be considered as a settled point that the amended constitution went at once into operation.

The only point for further consideration is whether that constitution being in legal operation could be suspended, and another form of constitution revived and put in operation either by the act of the Grand Master of New York, or by that of the M. W. Grand Sire, or by the acts of both combined. For by a proclamation bearing date on the first day of December, 1847, which is hereto annexed, marked C, and made a part of this report, the Grand Master declared the said amended constitution to be adopted, but not to be in force, and that it would not go into force until it had been approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, but declared the old constitution to be in force until such approval. Thus a second time, in his official character, and in the most solemn manner, declaring that the amended constitution had been adopted at the November session in 1847. Subsequently, the M. W. Grand Sire appointed a commission of five brethren to proceed to New York and investigate certain points of law and fact. Before this commission the friends of the amended constitution declined to appear, as they doubted the authority of the Grand Sire in the premises; consequently the testimony taken by that commission was wholly *ex parte*, and on their report to the M. W. Grand Sire he transmitted to Grand Master Taylor his opinion that the amended constitution had not been legally adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

At this point commenced the division in the State of New York. Those Past Grands who contended that the amended constitution was legally in force continued their organization as a Grand Lodge of New York under the constitution adopted at the November session, of which Daniel P. Barnard is Grand Master, and John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon, Grand Representatives. Those who coincided with Grand Master Taylor continued their organization as a Grand Lodge of New York, under the old constitution, of which George H. Andrews is Grand Master, and James W. Hale and John J. Davies are Grand Representatives.

The question then recurs, can a Grand Master by his proclamation overrule the legislative action of his Grand Lodge? Nothing seems clearer than that he cannot. He is the creature of his Grand Lodge. Whatever judicial powers he may possess over *new* questions during the recess of his Grand Lodge, still as to questions which his Grand Lodge has itself specifically decided, there is nothing for him to act upon except to obey those decisions. They are mandates which he as well as others must obey. The Grand Lodge of the U. S. decided at its last session that a Grand Master could not refuse to put an appeal made from his decision in his Grand Lodge upon any question: and shall it now be pretended that when a Grand Lodge has adopted an amended constitution, and decided that it shall go at

once in force, that the Grand Master may, in the recess of his Grand Lodge, annul the action of his Grand Lodge, overrule its decision, and overturn its constitution? The absurdity of such a proposition appears still stronger when he attempts to defeat the operation of an organic law which the Grand Lodge of the United States had just decided should go into effect immediately on its adoption.

Has the M. W. Grand Sire any authority to interfere with the action of a State Grand Lodge in such a case? If so, where does he get his authority? Is it an enactment of positive law? The Grand Lodge of the United States has recorded its decision in the first volume of its printed proceedings, at page 108 in these words, "*Resolved, that the powers of the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States are contained in the constitution of said Grand Lodge.*" To the constitution we therefore look. But there he is not recognized as a judicial officer, with powers of deciding vexed questions of law, but only as an executive officer, whose duty it is "during the recess of the Grand Lodge to exercise a general superintendence over the interests of the Order." To oversee it, to watch over it, to see that the Ministerial Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States discharge their duties, to call attention to the violations of law, to give advice and instruction, and to set in motion, in cases of exigency, that body which exercises the supreme legislative and judicial authority in the Order; but not to assume to sit as judge. He has no power to punish, to suspend, or expel; and if his admonitions are disregarded, he can only ask the intervention of that superior body whose officer he is, and whose laws he himself must obey. The terms of the written law of the Order do not, therefore, invest the Grand Sire with functions of a judicial officer, any more than the constitution of the United States of America, in its provision that "the President shall see that the laws be faithfully executed," authorizes him to sit as a judge, and not merely as an executive officer.

The provisions of positive law thus failing to sustain such an act of authority on the part of the Grand Sire, recourse is had to the supposed necessity of the case. It is said that unless some judicial authority exists in the recess of the Grand Lodge of the U. States, State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may go astray nearly a whole year without interruption. So it was urged at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that unless a Grand Master had a right to refuse to put appeals from his decisions to his Grand Lodge, his Grand Lodge might go astray a whole year before the error could be corrected. But the Grand Lodge of the United States, in effect, decided at that time, that it was preferable that this should be the case than that a Grand Master should put himself above the laws of his Grand Lodge. So of a Grand Sire. It is better that a Grand Lodge should go astray a whole year, than that an executive officer should assume to exercise judicial functions. For the investment of judicial and executive functions in the same hands enters into the very definition of a despotism. Besides, the exercise of such an authority cannot be useful, for to be useful it must be

final in its nature; and if *final*, then it would always be right in point of law, for the same reason that the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States is always right, because it is *final* and conclusive.

If a supposed evil is progressing, and a *final* power interposes to correct it, perhaps good may result, but what if that power be not *final*, but its acts subject to be reviewed by a higher power? And what if, on such review, those acts be reversed, and it be decided that the original supposed evil was not an evil, but a positive good? The argument, therefore, which supposes the necessity of a power of intervention in the Grand Sire, but yet admits that that power is not infallible, and is subject to review and reversal by a still higher power, thus acts against itself, and while it shows that such a power, if legal, could rarely do good, it also shows that it must often bring about great evils. Such a power is, therefore, not only unnecessary, but absolutely dangerous.

If it be contended that the Order of Odd-Fellowship is not a republic, still it does not follow that it is a despotism. While it is generally organized on a representative basis, still those representatives must be chosen from a class to whom the tests of a high grade of merit have been successfully applied. And it is not only more convenient, but more expedient, because more consonant to the spirit of the age, that a question primarily decided by the Past Grands in open Grand Lodge, should not be unsettled until it is reviewed directly by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is only after long and painful deliberation that this conclusion has been adopted. While the highest respect is entertained for the Most Worthy Grand Sire, which is doubly enhanced by a deep appreciation of the painful responsibility which he has assumed in this matter, and a profound confidence in the undoubted integrity of his intentions, still the undersigned is constrained to express his conclusions that the Most Worthy Grand Sire, in interfering with the action of the Grand Lodge of New York on the adoption of an amended form of constitution, exceeded his powers, and assumed the exercise of an authority which is not granted to him by the laws of the Order. On this very day the Grand Lodge of the United States have, by unanimously voting a large appropriation to defray the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's commission in the New York case, shown their confidence in his official integrity, and if they now proceed to vindicate their laws by deciding that he erred in his interference in that case, that decision cannot be a matter of reproach to an officer the rectitude of whose intentions has been thus decisively passed upon. Such is the confidence reposed in the high sense of honor of that officer, that the belief is entertained that so far from cultivating a sense of personal pride in this matter, he would much rather have the Grand Lodge decide that he has improvidently exceeded his authority, than that any brethren, or still more, that so many thousands of his brethren in a great and flourishing jurisdiction, and who have been for so long a time and at so enormous an expense struggling for the recognition of their rights, should now be defeated by the exercise of a doubtful authority.

A single further point is reserved for consideration: Suppose it to be conceded that the Grand Sire had the power to interfere, but that his decision was erroneous, and ought not to be sustained by the Grand Lodge of the United States as matter of law. In that case shall the Grand Lodge overturn the organic law of a State Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge organized under it, merely because the Past Grands of that State, doubting the powers of the Grand Sire, have refused to yield to a decision which is conceded to be erroneous? Shall not that constitution and that Grand Lodge rather be sustained, no matter what censure may be inflicted upon those Past Grands for vindicating the legality of their acts in an irregular manner? Otherwise, what absurdities would be involved in the proposition that the Grand Lodge of the United States, being now called upon to confirm an act which is a legal one, refuses to do so, because the brethren who claim the benefit of that act have in the interim refused to acknowledge the decision of an officer which that officer had a right to make, but which decision the Grand Lodge cannot sustain in point of law? Thus it seems if the power of the Grand Sire be conceded as matter of argument, the same conclusion would follow, and the constitution legally adopted must be sustained. At any rate, if the Grand Sire had the power to suspend the operation of that constitution until this time, *now* the Grand Lodge of the United States must decide whether that constitution shall be henceforth in operation and effect. The undersigned, therefore, reports his conclusions:

That the constitution prepared for adoption in the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session in 1847, was legally adopted, and went at once into operation, and that its continuance and operation has not been impaired by the subsequent action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, or of the M. W. Grand Sire, or of both of them.

That the existing body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New York, of which Daniel P. Barnard is Grand Master, and John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon are Grand Representatives, is the legal Grand Lodge of New York.

The undersigned is of opinion that the adjustment of the case of the Grand Lodge of New York involves that of the Grand Encampment of that State, and therefore does not enter into the details of that case.

Herewith the undersigned submits two resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

A. K. MARSHALL.

Resolved, That the constitution submitted by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York was taken up by that body at its November session, 1847, as directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and amended and adopted, and as amended and adopted forthwith became the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Resolved, That John W. Dwinelle and Theodore Dimon, having been duly elected members of the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Grand Lodge of New York, are entitled to seats in this body.

[DOCUMENT A.]

[Seal of G. L. of N. Y.] *Office of G. Master of G. Lodge, }
State of New York. }*

H. R. KNEASS, ESQ.,
G. Sire G. Lodge of United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the November session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on Wednesday, the first day of the session, the business was proceeded with till the reception of communications, when the Grand Secretary presented the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was read, and is annexed and marked A.

When G. R. J. W. Dwinelle offered the following resolution, also annexed, marked B.

Which resolution was read, and the Grand Lodge then took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M., when G. R. Dwinelle offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do now take a recess until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, that the first business at that hour shall be the reception and reference of credentials of representatives, the report of the committee on the same, and the admission of new members, and immediately thereafter, the Grand Lodge will take action upon the resolution of G. R. Dwinelle, this morning offered and was pending in reference to the amendment of the constitution of this R. W. Body."

When the Grand Lodge took a recess till 10 o'clock on Thursday immediately after the recess was declared, P. G. Warden D. B. Barnard notified the members present that copies of the constitution had been prepared, and the members would be provided with them, at the same time bringing in the Grand Lodge Room printed copies, and such persons as pleased furnished themselves with them.

On Thursday (the next day) the resolution offered the day previous by G. R. Dwinelle, and made the special order, was taken up and read; as also the constitution annexed to said resolution. During the reading of the constitution P. G. Sire Kennedy offered an amendment to one of the sections, when a point of order was raised, whether a motion to amend was in order before the reading had been completed.

The chair decided that the amendment could be proposed as the reading proceeded;

When an appeal was taken, and the decision of the chair reversed.

The Grand Secretary then proceeded and completed the reading, when a motion was made that the resolution and constitution, as submitted by G. R. Dwinelle, be adopted.

P. G. Sire Kennedy inquired if the constitution was now open for amendment, and if so, whether it was open for general amendment in any part of it, or whether it would be again read and adopted by sections?

The chair, P. G. Master Stewart presiding, decided that the proposed constitution was opened for general amendment.

Whereupon P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to amend section 1, article xi, by striking out all after the words "shall constitute the Grand Committee of the district."

Whereupon G. R. Dwinelle called for the previous question on his resolution and amendments to the constitution.

P. G. Master McGowan inquired what was the previous question?

The chair decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution.

G. R. Dwinelle appealed from the decision of the chair, and the decision was reversed.

The question was then taken on the call of the previous question, which was seconded by the Grand Lodge, and the resolution, with the constitution annexed, was adopted by a vote of representatives of lodges.

By reason of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, a large portion, considering they have legally adopted a constitution, and made provision for putting it immediately in operation, to take effect after the closing of the November session, and after finishing the business of the Grand Lodge, closed the session. Another portion, among whom are several P. G. Masters, consider the constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge as not being legally adopted, and insist that the constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their late session, should have been presented and passed upon, as required by the resolutions to the report of the Committee on Appeals, as sent to the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Also, you have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York relative to the adoption of a constitution at its November session, in pursuance to the requirements of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Under the circumstances in which I am placed, and the diversity of opinion relative thereto, I need your official advice and instructions relative to the course I am to pursue.

1st. Should not the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its late session, have been before the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, before amendments could be offered to the same, if any were required?

2d. That constitution not being before the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, could another offered in lieu of it be legally adopted?

3d. Must the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, (if legally adopted) be immediately put in force, as required by that constitution, or should it be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States before it can be enforced?

Your immediate attention to the above, and an early reply, will much oblige

Yours, fraternally,

JOSEPH R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*

New York, Nov. 17, 1847.

[DOCUMENT B.]

Philadelphia, November 27, 1847.

JOSEPH R. TAYLOR,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your letter of the 17th instant has been received.

To the first inquiry contained in it, to wit: "Should not the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its late session, have been before the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, before amendments could be offered to the same, if any were required?" I answer, that the second resolution reported by the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the last session, declares that the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt, or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action, in pursuance of article vi, section 1, of its constitution, &c.

By this resolution it will be seen that the Grand Lodge of New York is directed, at its November session, to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same, &c. When so taken up at the November session, it might have been amended, but not before.

To the second inquiry, to wit: "That constitution not being before the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, could another, offered in lieu of it, be legally adopted?"

I answer, the said resolution of the Committee of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the U. States directs that the form of constitution, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by the said Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the Grand Lodge of New York, which Grand Lodge is directed at its November session to take it up and act upon the same. Subsequently the Committee on Constitutions, in their report upon the form of constitution referred to, recommended that certain portions of the same be stricken out, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the U. States, and by the adoption of the said report the portions of the said form of constitution referred to in the said report as objectionable were stricken from the said form of constitution.

If, then, the form of constitution, as referred to by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of New York, was not taken up by the latter body at its November session, but a different one, the taking up the latter form was without the authority of law, and if the same was adopted, its adoption is a nullity.

To the third inquiry, "Must the constitution, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of N. York at its November session, (if legally adopted) be immediately put in force, as required by that constitution? or

should it be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States before it can be enforced?"

I answer, the proviso in the resolution referred to, makes it necessary for the constitution, as adopted, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article x. of the by-laws of that body. If the form of constitution which was referred to the Grand Lodge of New York were submitted to that Grand Lodge at its November session, and adopted with or without amendments, the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States is a prerequisite to its going into operation. Although, by a general resolution, an amended constitution operates at once upon the body adopting it, and continues in force, subject only to the veto power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet in the case referred to, in which there has been legislation of a very special character, the phrase employed in the resolution, and the spirit pervading it, both point clearly to the positive necessity of having the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its becoming binding and operative.

In thus answering, I ask that you will bear in mind that I have confined myself thus far to the abstract proposition submitted to me.

Upon examining the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, commencing on Wednesday, the first day of the session, I find that the Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States, which contained a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of that body relative to the form of constitution, and the same was read, when a resolution was offered to the effect that the form of constitution reported by the convention held November, 1846, which was referred to the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, except such parts thereof as were stricken out by the said Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and the same is hereby amended and adopted, &c., which resolution was made the special order of the day for the next day, when the amendments to the said form of constitution were considered and adopted.

Under the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States the Grand Lodge of New York was *directed* to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same. With these facts before me, I cannot but conclude that the said form of constitution, as reported by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was taken up and acted upon by the Grand Lodge of New York within the meaning of that resolution. The presenting of the communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States which contained exclusively the proceedings of that body relative to the form of constitution—the offering of a series of amendments to the same, without objection from either the G. Master or any of the members—the submitting of the said amendments to the Grand Lodge and the admitted motion to amend the said amendments, all show, it seems to me, that the said form was taken and understood universally to be before that Grand Lodge for consideration and final action, and being thus taken up, it

was competent for the Grand Lodge of New York to adopt it, with either a series of amendments or a single amendment, but after the adoption of the said form, so amended, it is necessary for the Grand Lodge of the United States to approve the same before it can go into operation.

If, then, the requirements of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, directing the Grand Lodge of New York to take up the said form of constitution and act upon the same, have been fully complied with, as I think they have, upon a careful examination of the facts as submitted, it is your duty to see that the said form, so amended, is forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval, pursuant to the x article of the by-laws of the latter body, and when so approved it will be binding as the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but not before such approval is had.

Fraternally yours,

H. R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

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I. O. O. F.

Whereas the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its late session, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the form of constitution reported by the convention, except such parts of it as may be stricken out by this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is referred to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, and the said Grand Lodge of New York is hereby directed, at its session in November next, to take up the said form of constitution, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt, as if regularly and formally before that body for its final action, in pursuance of article vi, section 1, of its constitution; provided, however, that the constitution, as adopted, be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for approval, pursuant to the requirements of article x. of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

And whereas the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session, voted to adopt a constitution, in which provision is made for its going into operation immediately after the close of the November session.

And whereas, by a general resolution, an amended constitution operates at once upon the body adopting it, and continues in force, subject only to the veto power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet, in this case, in which there has been legislation of a special character, the phrase used in the resolution, and the spirit pervading it, both point clearly to the positive necessity of having the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States anterior to its becoming binding and operative.

And whereas, by general rumor, it would appear that the Order in this jurisdiction are made to believe that the constitution, as voted to be adopted at the November session, 1847, is now in full force; therefore,

I, Joseph R. Taylor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I. O. O. F., by authority vested in me, do issue this my Proclamation, as well to disabuse the minds of the members of the Order as to declare that the constitution which was in force on the first Wednesday of August, 1846, is now and will remain in full force until the constitution, as voted to be adopted at the November session, 1847, shall be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and accordingly all regular members are hereby required to recognize only the constitution in force on the first Wednesday of August, 1846.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at the Office of the Grand Master, in the city of New York, this first day of December, 1847.

Yours fraternally,

[Seal of G. L. N. Y.]

JOS. R. TAYLOR, *Grand Master*.

Pending the question, on motion of Rep. Dickson, of Delaware, the Grand Lodge took a recess until five o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 23, 5 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the time of the recess, to wit, the report of the committee on the New York controversy.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to amend the minority report by striking out all that part which relates to the Grand Encampment of New York.

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved to substitute the minority report and resolutions, for all that part of the majority report and resolutions which relates to the Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, the Grand Lodge agreed to hear the respective claimants for seats in the Grand Lodge of the United States from the state of New York.

Whereupon P. G. Dwinelle, of New York, one of the contestants, rose in his place and declined to go into the argument of the question involved, on account of the exhaustion of body and mind which the labors incident to the examination of the subject before the Committee to whom the question had been referred, had necessarily superinduced, in which course P. G. Davies and P. G. Hale, of New York, also of the contestants, fully acquiesced and respectfully declined to address the Lodge.

A long debate ensued by members of the Grand Lodge.

The discussion having closed, the question was on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, to substitute the minority report, for so much of the majority report as relates to the subject of the Grand Lodge of New York.

At this stage of the proceedings Rep. Griffin, of Georgia, rose in his place, and submitted the following paper:

The undersigned, one of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, having been honored by this Grand Lodge, during its present communication, with the election to the highest office in its gift, and a question of the gravest moment coming up from one of the State jurisdictions, involving not only matters of local importance, but also the construction of the prerogatives, rights and powers pertaining to the office to which he has been elected, requests the permission of the Grand Lodge to retire when the vote commences; not because he has formed opinions which he fears to express, but because he considers it to be improper for him to take part in the final decision of a question directly bearing upon the privileges of the station which he is expected hereafter to fill.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,
*Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia,
and Grand Sire elect.*

Whereupon the leave therein asked was unanimously granted.

Rep. Baker, of Pennsylvania, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to.

The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the majority of the committee?"

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, called for a division of the first resolution, and the question being on the first branch of the same, to wit: "Resolved, That James W. Hale and John J. Davies are the legal representatives from the Grand Lodge of New York," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allen, (2 votes,) Anderson, Baker, Boak, (2 votes,) Brown, of Miss., (2 votes,) Burr, Cole, Conrad, Deering, Fritz, Frost, Gillespie, Harris, (2 votes,) Holmes, Kneass, Marley, Merri-
rick, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Parmenter, Patten, Ramsdell, Read, Ridgely, Sessford, (2 votes,) Silsby, (2 votes,) Smith, of Maine, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Thorington, Towers, Whitall, Woodward, Zimmerman, Wells; Past Grand Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins—47.

NAYS.—Reps. Ballou, Bond, Brown, of N. H., Chapman, of Ind., (2 votes,) Chapman, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Torre, DeSaussure, Gallaher, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Marshall, Page, (2 votes,) Parker, Roberts, (2 votes,) Spooner, Thomas, (2 votes,) Treadway, Wakefield—24.

The question recurring upon the second branch of the resolution, as follows: "That Wm. W. Dibblee and Joseph D. Stewart, are the legal representatives from the Grand Encampment of New York, and that they be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the second resolution accompanying the report of the majority, it was agreed to.

The question then being on the report of the majority, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, it was ordered that the committee heretofore appointed on that subject, proceed to classify the representatives from the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of New York.

Whereupon, the ballots having been deposited in a box, in the manner prescribed, were drawn by the Grand Marshal, as the names of the representatives of New York were called by the Grand Secretary, when the following named representatives drew the numbers attached to their respective names, to wit:

Grand Lodge of New York.

James W. Hale	-	-	-	-	1
John J. Davies	-	-	-	-	2

Grand Encampment of New York.

Joseph D. Stewart	-	-	-	-	1
Wm. W. Dibblee	-	-	-	-	2

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, report:

That they have examined and amended the same, by adding the word "and" between the words "Lodge" and "regularly," in section 1, article i, and the words "but Past Grands in good standing members of Subordinates of this Lodge, shall be entitled to attend its sessions and vote for the election of officers," to the end of section 1, article ii, and as so amended recommend its approval.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, have had the report of the Grand Lodge of N. York placed in their hands, and on examination find it to be correct, as near as they can judge on a hasty examination.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS SPOONER,
H. L. PAGE,
R. S. HARRIS.

Rep. Mott, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred for examination the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, and

sundry amendments to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, report:

That they have examined and amended, by making them conform to the laws of the Order and the decisions of this Lodge at the present session, and as so amended, recommend their adoption.

ROB'T MOTT,
RICH'D MARLEY.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, it was

Resolved Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge present to Grand Representative James W. Hale, of New York, a special Diploma, in consideration of his services as special D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of the American Lodges in England, in 1845, and that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare and present the same.

Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Patten, of Georgia, relative to the expediency of establishing in this city a journal devoted to the interests of the Order, report:

That from the brief time which the committee, at this late period of the session, are able to give the subject, they cannot report as the importance of the matter deserves; they, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
G. P. SMITH.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Taylor, of Illinois, requiring a definition of the term "good standing," &c., report:

That the committee are unable to add to the definition contained in section 13, article iii, division 3 of the Digest, and beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
PETER FRITZ,
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Rep. Davies, of New York, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

I rise for the purpose of communicating to this R. W. Grand body the death of P. G. James A. Coffin, late a representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to this body.

At this late hour of the session it is not my intention to detain you with an extended eulogy on the services or character of our deceased brother.

Those who were acquainted with brother Coffin loved him for his kindness of heart, his courteous disposition and his strict adherence to the principles inculcated by the Order. His loss is generally deplored, not only by his friends and acquaintances, but also by the brotherhood at large in the jurisdiction to which he belonged.

I, therefore, submit the following as a brief tribute to his memory:

WHEREAS it has pleased the Ruler of the Universe to remove from us our brother James A. Coffin, late Representative in this body from the State of New York,

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathize with their brethren of the State of New York in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be entered upon the minutes and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

On motion, the resolutions of Rep. Davies, of New York, were adopted.

The Grand Sire named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, in relation to the preparation and report of a proper form of ceremonies for the dedication of Odd-Fellows' halls:

Reps. Smith, of Tennessee, Ridgely, of Maryland, and Parmenter, of Massachusetts.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, now lying on the table, relating to balloting for candidates for membership, (page 1305 of Journal) which being under consideration,

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to strike out from the report the words "State legislation," and to insert "Grand Sires."

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Hale, of New York, it was

Resolved, That George H. Andrews, M. W. G. M. of New York, be, and he is hereby invited to a seat within the bar of the lodge during the remainder of the session.

Rep. Torre, of South Carolina, submitted the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, protest solemnly against the decision of the Grand Lodge this night, in adopting the report of the majority of the committee to whom was referred the New York case.

They believe such decision utterly destructive to all the powers heretofore vested in State Grand Lodges, to all the rights of the State jurisdiction, and that it vests in a single hand the entire pre-

rogative of this body. They, therefore feel it their duty solemnly to protest against it.

A. K. MARSHALL,
Rep. of Kentucky.
PETER DELLA TORRE,
Rep. G. E. of S. Carolina.
S. H. PARKER,
Rep. of New Hampshire.
THOMAS SPOONER,
Rep. of Ohio.
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Rep. G. E. of Ohio.
H. L. PAGE,
Rep. of Wisconsin.
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Rep. of New Jersey.
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Rep. of Connecticut.
WM. W. KNIGHT,
Rep. of Rhode Island.
H. E. ROBERTS,
Rep. of Illinois.
S. BROWN,
Rep. of New Hampshire.
A. TREADWAY,
Rep. of Michigan.

Rep. Anderson, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the payment of \$25 to R. Sutton, for services as Secretary to the committee to whom was referred the New York question.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
W. H. BROWN.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Louisiana, it was ordered that the sum of \$2 per day be allowed to P. G. M. Jacob Mearis, keeper of the hall, for his services during the session.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, presented the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Officers, and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

BRETHREN,—I desire to offer my very grateful acknowledgments for the distinguished honor conferred upon me, in my appointment as Special Deputy to the Pacific Ocean, and to offer the assurance that my utmost efforts will be exercised in carrying out, to the fullest extent of my ability, the benevolent objects of our beloved Order, throughout the extensive sphere of my district.

ALEX. V. FRASER.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, called up the report of the committee to whom the subject of that part of the Corresponding Secretary's report had been referred, relating to printing. (Pages 1313 and 1314 of the Journal.)

The subject being under consideration, the question was upon the adoption of the report and by-law, recommended by the committee, page 1313 of the Journal.

Whereupon Rep. Gillespie, of Kentucky, moved to amend the By-Law recommended as follows:

Strike out the words "Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati."

Rep. Conrad, of Texas, moved as a substitute for the amendment the following:

Strike out the words "Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati."

Rep. Wakefield, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the lodge, was put in form following: "shall the main question be now put," which was agreed to. The main question was then put, as follows: "Will the lodge adopt the report and enact the By-Law reported by the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stewart, of New York, presented, on behalf of the Grand Encampment of New York, two handsomely bound copies of the Journal of Proceedings of that body.

After prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

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Florida—Wiley Williams,	Columbus, Ga.
Rhode Island—Henry L. Webster,	Providence.
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Andrew E. Warner, of do.	R. W. G. Treas.

EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN
RELATION TO THE NEW YORK CASE.

TUESDAY, Sept. 19, 1848.

Committee met at 5 o'clock P. M.

John G. Treadwell examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.

Question. Were you Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York I. O. O. F. from the first September, 1847, to first January following?

Answer. I was.

Q. Were you in the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1847?

A. I was present at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1847.

Q. After the adoption of the resolution reported by the Committee of Appeals in the New York case, and after the convention constitution had been reported by the Committee on Constitutions in that body, and their report had been accepted, did you apply to Grand Secretary Ridgely for a certified copy of the convention constitution in the shape in which the Grand Lodge of the United States had left it?

A. I cannot answer that in the shape of yes or no. On the adjournment of the body, I remarked to Grand Secretary Ridgely that the constitution was somewhat lengthy, and that if he would have a printed copy made as amended by the Committee on Constitutions, together with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the New York case, and certify the same, that we would pay the expense thereof. Bro. Ridgely replied that he would do so at the earliest practicable moment, and transmit the same to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Q. Did you as Grand Secretary ever receive what purported to be a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the New York case from Bro. Ridgely?

A. I received a printed copy of the proceedings of the Grand

Lodge of the United States in the New York case, properly attested by Bro. Ridgely, with the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States attached.

Q. I now produce a document marked A, and place the same in your hands. What do you say in regard to it?

A. This is the certified copy alluded to.

Q. Was that document presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at the November session, 1847?

A. It was.

Q. What action, if any, did the Grand Lodge of New York take on the same?

A. The document was read, and at the close of the reading thereof, a resolution was offered, together with an amended constitution; after the reading of the resolution the question was asked by me, whether we should proceed to read the constitution? or words to that effect. I wished to know if it was necessary to read it. A motion was made that the Grand Lodge take a recess to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. An amendment was then offered to strike out 3 and insert 7 o'clock, which did not prevail. The original motion was then adopted, and the Grand Lodge took a recess accordingly.

Q. Was the constitution you speak of appended to the resolution?

A. It was, the whole being in printed form.

Q. Would you recognize that resolution and constitution if it were presented to you?

A. I should.

Q. I now place in your hands printed document marked B; what do you say of it?

A. This was the document presented.

Q. Do you mean the identical document?

A. I do.

Q. By what tokens, if any, do you recognize it from any other copy of the same document?

A. By my endorsement of the same on its reception, and two pencil marks that were made on the second page at the time an amendment was offered.

Q. Is that endorsement and are those pencil marks still legible?

A. They are.

Q. At the time the Grand Lodge took that recess, do you know whether or not the printed copies of that resolution and constitution were distributed amongst the members?

A. The resolution and constitution appended were distributed at the time the Grand Lodge took a recess.

Q. Bro. Treadwell, I now present to you a document marked C; what do you say in regard to it?

[Question objected to. Inadmissible.]

Q. Did you at the time that resolution and printed form of constitution were offered have in your possession the original convention constitution?

[Question waived.]

Q. *By Grand Rep. Marshal.*—Mr. Treadwell, was there not a document offered to the Grand Lodge of New York which was known and designated as the convention constitution?

A. There was not such a document offered in form.

Q. What document was that, or instrument of writing, which was sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States and referred to the Committee of Appeals and designated as the convention constitution of New York?

A. It was a printed copy of the original constitution as framed by a convention of Past Grands in November, 1846.

Q. Do you know where the original manuscript of that document now is, and would you know it if you were to see it?

A. I should know it if I were to see it, and I believe it to be present in the room now.

Q. Is this document, marked C, that constitution?

A. It is.

Q. Is this the original of the copy sent up to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and designated as the convention constitution?

A. It is.

Q. In whose possession did the original document remain from the time the copy was sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States until the action had by the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847, and where was the original document at that time?

A. It remained in my possession as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, and it was lying on the desk of the Grand Secretary at the November session, 1847. It was on the desk of the Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge room at the time the resolution and constitution were offered and the consideration of the same.

Q. *By Grand Rep. Smith.*—Is the document marked C. in the form required by the Grand Lodge of the United States to be presented to the Grand Lodge of New York?

[Question waived.]

Q. Was this document, marked C, formally presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at its session of November, 1847, for its action?

A. It was not presented in form or read by me.

Q. Was it known by the members of the Grand Lodge to be in your possession, and upon your desk in the Grand Lodge room?

A. I cannot answer whether it was or not. Some of them knew it. I suppose so. It was not called for.

Q. Was it announced to the Grand Lodge as being in the Grand Lodge room?

A. It was not.

Examination resumed by Past Grand Dwinelle.

Q. Was it not universally known by members of the Grand

Lodge that the original convention constitution was in your custody as Grand Secretary; by which I mean had it not during the previous year been generally assumed and stated in debate that such was the fact?

[Question objected to. Ruled out.]

Q. Brother Treadwell, were there not a large number of brethren present, Past Grands and members of the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the offering and adoption of that resolution, with the printed form of constitution annexed, who were opposed to the passage of the resolution, and who knew that the original convention constitution was in your keeping as Grand Secretary?

[Question objected to. Q. waived for the present.]

Questions by Grand Rep. Marshall.—How did the convention constitution come into the possession of the Grand Lodge of New York—I mean the original MSS. document?

A. By the requirements of the law authorizing the assembling of the Past Grands in convention.

Q. By whom was that law enacted?

A. By the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Q. By whose or what authority was this committed to your care, or how did it come into your possession?

A. By the requirements of the same law.

Q. Was the convention constitution submitted to the Grand Lodge of New York after its adoption by the Past Grands?

A. It was not.

Q. How did it get into the Grand Lodge room and on the Grand Secretary's desk?

A. I took it there with other documents on the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Q. By what authority was a copy of that document sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. There was no vote passed in the Grand Lodge to transmit a copy, but as Grand Secretary I transmitted it to the proper officer.

Examined by P. G. Dwinelle.—Was there not permission allowed by the Grand Lodge of New York to Brother Dwinelle and another, to appeal from the decision of the Grand Master of New York on a point arising out of this very convention constitution?

[Objected to. Waived.]

Q. *By Grand Rep. Marshall.*—Did you hold that document as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York or in any other official capacity?

A. As Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Q. *By Grand Representative Smith.* Was or was not this document placed in your possession solely for the purpose of being preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of New York?

A. It was placed in my possession as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, for the purpose of transmitting copies thereof to each Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction for their confirmation or rejection.

Q. Was it ever placed in your possession for the purpose of being presented to the Grand Lodge of New York for its action as directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. It was placed in my possession for the purposes as stated in my answer to the preceding interrogatory, but was taken to the Grand Lodge room at the opening of its November session, 1847, knowing that it had to be acted upon by direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Q. Was it called for by any member of the Grand Lodge at that session?

A. It was not.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Sept 20, 1848.

Committee re-assembled at 9 o'clock A. M.

J. G. Treadwell's examination resumed.

At the time the resolution and amended constitution were presented, printed copies of the convention constitution were in the hands of representatives present, as distributed by me as Grand Secretary. About 150 copies were so distributed. The distribution was general. As near as I can recollect, there were about two hundred members present at the opening of the November session. The distribution took place as soon as the Grand Lodge was properly organized. I have the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, 1847. I here produce a copy, [marked E.] The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York have been taken in a rough manner at the session of the Grand Lodge, and upon the adjournment thereof, at as early a moment as practicable, re-written upon sheets of paper for the purpose and use of the printer, and the examination of the proof, and upon the reading of the proof of the same, all errors, if any, that may appear to the Grand Secretary, corrected, which remain in that position until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge for their approval and correction. They are then transcribed from said printed record on the record book at the convenience of the Grand Secretary. The minutes are made perfect in the printed copy. I make the minutes perfect to be presented to the Grand Lodge in the printed copy. I presented the printed copy to the Grand Lodge. The custom has been for a number of years to present the printed copy to the Grand Lodge. When the Grand Lodge has met from day to day no record whatever has been presented; that is, I mean consecutive days. The first few years of my holding the office of Grand Secretary I was in the habit of reading the record from written sheets, at the succeeding meeting of the Grand Lodge, when their adjournment took place for a week or so; and the last day's proceedings of the session were always read from the printed record. My custom has been, when the Grand Lodge met at its quarterly session, and did its business on consecutive days, and closed the session, to read the record from the printed journal at the opening of the next session. The MSS., as prepared for the printer, after the proof

was read, were generally left with the printer, deeming them of no importance whatever. They never were consulted after the printed journal was perfected. They never were preserved by me as Grand Secretary. The proceedings of the November session, 1847, have not been recorded in the manuscript journal. They do not exist as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in any other form than the printed copy. By printed copy I mean the printed copy as presented to the committee. I, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, transmitted a printed copy to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States by mail; it was authenticated by me in letter form accompanying the document sent. The copy sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States was of the same edition as that presented to the committee. It was sent between the 1st of December, 1847, and the 1st January, 1848. On the second day of the session the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution and constitution as presented on the morning of the first day, and adopted the same by over a two-third vote.

[Cross-examination declined by P. G. Andrews.]

By G. Rep. Smith.—The resolution prefixed to the constitution never was offered in manuscript form.

By G. Rep. Marshall.—The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, of the November session, 1847, were presented to the Grand Lodge of New York at its next session thereafter, being August, 1848, and were approved. I recognize but one Grand Lodge of the State of New York—that working under the constitution adopted November, 1847.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—I conceived the Grand Lodge of New York to be working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States in August, 1848. I mean the body to which the proceedings were presented. The charter was not in the possession of that body. I do not know where it was.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—Do you know why the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which you recognized as the legitimate and legal Grand Lodge of that State, should not be in possession of the charter under which it worked

A. Because the Grand Master Joseph R. Taylor had that document in his possession as Grand Master, he not recognizing the same body as myself as the legitimate head of the Order, in the State of New York, thereby retaining possession of the same. I don't know the fact, but I presume he had it.

Q. Where was the charter of the Grand Lodge of New York placed anterior to the difficulties which sprung up in that jurisdiction?

A. It was kept in a frame and placed on the wall of the Grand Lodge room, being deemed in the possession of the Grand Master.

Q. Do you or do you not know that that instrument remained in that position after the difficulties in New York?

A. I cannot answer whether it did remain in that position or not, from the fact that I was debarred admission into the Grand Lodge room.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York were printed, and copies thereof sent to Subordinate Lodges, after the meeting of the Grand Lodge prior to the change of the meetings of the Grand Lodge to consecutive days; they were so sent generally after being approved. If the Grand Lodge met on consecutive days and closed its session, they were sent to the subordinates without being approved, but that only occurred about once or twice. They were generally approved before they were sent out.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—The resolution in document B. is the only form in which it came into my possession as Grand Secretary. It was presented on the first day of the session. The constitution, copies of which I have said were distributed, was not the constitution as prepared by the Grand Lodge of the United States, but were copies of the original constitution as prepared by the convention.

Recess for fifteen minutes.

Theodore A. Ward, examined by P. G. Dwinelle.—I was present in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at the November session, 1847. I was present when Bro. Dwinelle offered a resolution in reference to the proposed amendment to the constitution. At the time of the reading of the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I went and took a seat alongside of Grand Master Taylor, in the seat usually occupied by the Grand Marshal. I saw Treadwell, the Grand Secretary, when he read that resolution. I was then sitting in the seat of the Grand Marshal, immediately in the rear of the Grand Secretary—some few feet distant. I saw the paper from which he read the resolution. It was a printed pamphlet which he held in his hand. I should say it was similar to document B. The resolution on the first page of document B was the resolution that was offered. I have seen the original convention constitution and signed it—I was a member of the convention from the city of New York. Shortly before the resolution was offered I saw the convention constitution on the Grand Secretary's table; I do not know that it was removed by anybody. The form of constitution appended to the resolution was not read at the time the resolution was offered by G. Representative Dwinelle. After the Grand Secretary had read the resolution and began to read "Sec. 1.," or something of that kind, he turned to the Grand Master and said, "I suppose it is not necessary to read it," then somebody from the other end of the room said, "there would be sufficient copies to supply all." Immediately after, copies were furnished; I think a recess was taken before the copies were distributed. I suppose 100 or 200, perhaps 300 to 500 were distributed; every one who wished was supplied. I have here a copy which I received when they were distributed. [It was handed to the committee and marked K.]

Cross Examination by Past Grand Andrews.—When Grand Representative Dwinelle offered his resolution I was sitting with the Grand Master. I saw Grand Representative Dwinelle when he offered it. He was standing by the post to the right of the Grand Master, some

six or eight feet from where I sat, or perhaps ten feet. I saw him have that document in his hand when he offered his resolution. My attention was called to that document by Grand Master Taylor, who asked me what Brother Dwinelle had in his hand. I cannot swear that document B. was the identical document that Brother Dwinelle had in his hand. I do not know that I could have detected it if any other form of constitution had been appended to that resolution than document B. I had not a copy of document B before I went into the Grand Lodge that day. I saw D. P. Barnard have two copies in his hand before it was offered that day. It was in the Grand Lodge room. I saw Dr. Wallace with a copy. I did not know that there were amendments to be proposed. I did not attend any meetings of Past Grands to take into consideration any amendments to the constitution.

Q. By Grand Rep. Smith.—Did you ever see the resolution on the first page of document B in manuscript form?

A. I saw it this morning; and I think I have seen it before. It was in possession of Houel, the printer.

Q. Did you ever see it in the Grand Lodge room?

A. No.

Q. Was the constitution, as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, ever before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York?

A. It was, in my opinion, in a legal point of view.

By P. G. Dwinelle.—I think the manuscript resolution which I saw this morning was in Barnard's hand-writing.

By G. Rep. Smith.—Do you mean to say that a copy of the constitution sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States was ever before the Grand Lodge of the State of New York?

A. I don't know that the Grand Lodge of the United States ever sent down a constitution. The form of constitution submitted by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States was legally before that body in my opinion.

By P. G. Andrews.—I did not hear it announced that the convention constitution was on the Grand Secretary's table. Printed copies of the convention constitution were called for and distributed, but I think it was not that day. It might be the next day, when the constitution was under consideration. I am unable to state by whom the call was made. I do not remember the Grand Master calling for them at that time. The Grand Secretary distributed them. I consider that the constitution in document K complies with the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—You have said that in your opinion the form of constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States was legally before the Grand Lodge of New York. Do you mean to refer to the form of constitution contained in document K, by you presented to the committee?

A. I do, in connection with other documents before the Grand Lodge of New York.

By P. G. Andrews.—I refer to the mandate sent down by the Grand Lodge and the original convention constitution, which was lying on the Grand Secretary's table.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock.

The committee re-assembled at 6 o'clock.

Grand Rep. P. Della Torre called.—He identifies document L as one of the original documents referred to the Committee of Appeals by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which was reported upon by the Committee of Appeals, and afterwards referred to the Committee on Constitutions. He identifies it by the endorsement on the cover in his own hand-writing.

Daniel P. Barnard called and obligated.

Examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.—I was present at the last November session of the Grand Lodge of New York. I was present when Grand Representative Dwinelle offered a resolution on the subject of the amendment of the constitution. The resolution was drawn up by me and printed. Grand Representative Dwinelle obtained a copy of it at my office on the morning of the November session, previous to the commencement of the session. It was printed in New York at Mr. Houel's office. I had 8 or 10 copies in my possession when I furnished Grand Representative Dwinelle with one. I think there were 500 printed by Houel at that time. The rest of the edition were taken up to the Grand Lodge room in the course of that morning, and as soon as the first recess took place they were distributed. A form of constitution was appended to that resolution. I should recognize a copy of that edition if it were presented to me. The document B is one of the edition I got printed. That document was offered by Grand Representative Dwinelle; he read the resolution, stated that the constitution was appended to it, and as there were copies enough printed for each representative, and as a recess was about to take place, or as he was about to move a recess, he would not detain them by reading the whole constitution. It was handed to the Grand Secretary, the recess was moved and adopted, and on the re-assembling of the Grand Lodge he offered a written resolution that his resolution and constitution be made the special order for Thursday morning, I think immediately after the admission of new members. The next morning at the time appointed, the then Grand Master, Taylor, stated that pursuant to the resolution adopted on the previous day, that constitution would be taken up. He directed the Grand Secretary to proceed with the reading of it. The Grand Secretary read the resolution and the constitution until he came to article ii, section 1. Past Grand Sire Kennedy offered an amendment to that section. A point of order was raised that the constitution was not open for amendment until the reading was completed; the Grand Master decided that the amendment was in order at that time. An appeal was taken from his decision, and it was reversed by the Grand Lodge. The read-

ing then proceeded to the end of the constitution. At that time Past Grand Master Stewart was in the chair. He asked what the Grand Lodge would do with the constitution. I stated, although I did not think it necessary, yet for the purpose of bringing the matter before the Grand Lodge, I moved the adoption of the resolution and the constitution appended thereto. The motion was seconded and stated from the chair. Past Grand Sire Kennedy then asked if it was in order to offer amendments. The chair decided that it was. He then moved the same amendment which he had previously moved to article ii. He made a speech on the subject. Grand Representative Dwinelle replied, and moved the previous question. The chair stated that the previous question would carry us back to the convention constitution.

I insisted that the previous question would bring us back to the resolution and constitution of Grand Rep. Dwinelle. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair. My impression is that I took the appeal myself. The decision of the chair was reversed. The previous question was then seconded and carried, and the question was then put on the adoption of the resolution and constitution of Grand Rep. Dwinelle, and it was carried by a vote of 202 to 77. I think Past Grand Master Stewart, who was still in the chair, then stated that the constitution having been adopted by the requisite majority of two-thirds, it became the organic law of that Grand Lodge. Somebody stated "to take effect from the close of the November session," and he said "yes." I think a motion of reconsideration was then moved and lost. That gives the history of that constitution. I think, but I am not sure, that a motion to reconsider was made and lost. Before the session commenced, there had been a consultation between several members of the Grand Lodge, as to the best mode of bringing the subject before the Grand Lodge and disposing of it without an unnecessary waste of time. The result of that deliberation was the taking up the convention constitution and amending it as we thought it would be most satisfactory, and then get it printed, with the resolution amending it, and submit it to the Grand Lodge immediately after the receipt of the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and for the purpose of getting the floor at that time, some half a dozen of us had each a printed copy of the resolution and constitution in our pockets before the session commenced. We agreed to spread ourselves around the Grand Master's chair at different points, so that no matter which way he looked, one of us was sure to catch his eye. We had arranged the whole order of procedure, and anticipated the points that would probably arise, and what we should do in case they did arise; and the events occurred pretty nearly as we anticipated them, except there were not quite as many votes taken by representation as we thought would be taken. It was a part of that pre-arrangement that that constitution should be declared adopted if it received a two-third vote—by which I mean the constitution presented by Grand Rep. Dwinelle.

There were several copies of the convention constitution in the room on the first day, but not sufficient to supply every one with a copy. There were perhaps one hundred there. I did not see the original of the convention constitution there. This paper is in my hand-writing. [It is paper marked M.] It is the original of the printed resolution. I sent it to the printer, Houel.

Cross-examined by P. G. Andrews.—These amendments were prepared by Grand Representatives Dwinelle and Dimon, Past Grand Wallace, and at meetings of some Past Grands that were held in New York and in Brooklyn. The chief parts of the amendments were prepared by Grand Representative Dwinelle and myself. They were a committee that had been appointed at a meeting of the Past Grands from the country, which was held in New York at the annual session to endeavor to effect a compromise constitution. This same committee continued to act without any express authority. I do not recollect that any announcement was made by the Grand Secretary in the Grand Lodge that the original of the convention constitution was then present. I don't recollect that I heard anything said about it in the Grand Lodge room.

Re-examined by P. G. Dwinelle.—A Grand Lodge was organized under the constitution offered by Grand Representative Dwinelle. I was the Grand Master, and was installed into office in pursuance of an election. I was installed by P. G. M. Wm. L. G. Smith. Theodore Dimon and John W. Dwinelle were elected Grand Representatives under that constitution for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. W. H. H. Prall was elected Grand Secretary, and installed.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Sept. 21, 1848.

Committee assembled at 9 o'clock A. M.

James L. Ridgely called and obligated.

Examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.—I am Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have been so for some years past. I transmitted document A to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, John G. Treadwell. I transmitted him one hundred copies. I did not transmit a copy of the convention constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in the shape in which the Grand Lodge of the United States left it, as a specific thing, further than was indicated in the printed paper sent. I sent no other paper than the mandate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, marked A. I received document marked N from John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I believe I received document O with document N. [Document N is an official letter from John G. Treadwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, under the seal of the said Grand Lodge dated December 6th, 1847, directed to James L. Ridgely,

Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating, among other things, that he forwarded to the said Corresponding Secretary a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York at its November session, 1847, to be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Document O is the printed copy of said proceedings which accompanied said letter. Document O is identical with document E.] I received document N and O in the course of mail.

I wish to explain. The convention constitution, so called, as matured by the Committee on Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and directed to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for their consideration, never had any existence as a specific document. It existed only as indicated by the report of the Committee on Constitutions, and was, therefore, the only tangible manner by which the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States could reach it. I sent it, therefore, in that form, had it printed by request of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, who reviewed and approved of it, and consented to pay for the printing. I considered that a compliance with the specific order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (page 1127, vol. II,) in the following words:

"Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals to-day made on the appeals from the Grand Lodge of New York, and the action of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge thereon, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the State of New York.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—The convention constitution was in the hands of the Committee on Constitutions in a printed form. They never reported anything but the MSS. report, which is on file. When I say I had "it" printed, I mean the document transmitted by me to the Grand Lodge of New York, and not the convention constitution. The copy of the convention constitution which the Grand Lodge of the United States had, was presented by Grand Representative Dimon, and referred to the Committee of Appeals.

By Past Grand Andrews.—I sent so many copies of the document to New York, at the request of Bro. Treadwell, who desired to distribute them. I sent no other document. He did not request me to send any other document. Immediately after the adjournment of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Grand Secretary Treadwell called on me and offered to prepare an abstract himself of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States in relation to the New York controversy, if I would authenticate them for him, that he might take them with him. This I declined to do, but promised him that I would make the abstract at an early moment and send it to him. We went through the journal together, and agreed upon the proceedings that were to be sent, one hundred printed copies of which he also desired me to send, and to send the bill with them. In a very few days afterwards, I cannot say how long, I made the abstract and caused it to be printed and sent to him by express, being the same document before referred to marked A.

Bro. Dwinelle closes his case.

Bro. Dwinelle admits that Bros. James W. Hale and John J. Davies were elected Grand Representatives by the Grand Lodge of New York, working under the old constitution, at its annual meeting, August, 1848.

Examination resumed:

Benjamin J. Pentz called by P. G. Andrews.

I am now and was in November last a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and a Representative from Knickerbocker Lodge, No. 22. I attended the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the first day of the November session, 1847. I was present when the substance of a resolution of the kind of that in document B was offered. I mean to say that a resolution was offered of the tenor and substance of this resolution. It was offered by Grand Rep. John W. Dwinelle. There was not any other resolution offered at that time in relation to the constitution, by P. G. Dwinelle. It was in the shape of a written resolution. It was on about a quarter of a sheet of foolscap paper. Brother Dwinelle was standing at the right of the Grand Secretary, with the piece of paper in his hand, from which he read or appeared to read. I was in front of the Brother, and did not see whether it was manuscript or not. P. G. Dwinelle did not, to the best of my knowledge and belief, have any document in his hand excepting the piece of paper before mentioned. I don't think it possible that he could have had a document like document B in his hand without my noticing it. I think I was not present at the opening of the November session, 1847. I came into the room between 11 and 12 o'clock. The usual hour of opening is 10 o'clock. I did not see any copies of a constitution in the Grand Lodge during its session that morning. I was opposed to the amendments to the constitution as submitted at that session. I did not know that document C was before the Grand Lodge of New York at that session. I did not see it. I never saw it before.

Bro. Andrews offered document I as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, which P. G. Dwinelle admitted to be the proceedings of that session, in the form in which they were corrected and adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York, working under the old constitution, at its quarterly session in February, 1848.

Cross-examination by P. G. Dwinelle.—It was not possible for P. G. Dwinelle to have document B in his hand at the time he offered the resolution without my seeing it. I mean the hand in which he held the document, from which he appeared to be reading. I am Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge working under the old constitution. The charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is in possession of the Grand Master of that State, George H. Andrews. I suppose it is in his personal custody. The charter was formerly kept in the Grand Lodge room of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. It was in a frame hanging against the wall. I do not know when it was first removed from that position. I have frequently seen the frame vacant in the Grand Lodge room during the sessions of the Grand Lodge. I cannot say when the first time

was that I saw it so vacant; but it was since the first day of the November session. I had seen the charter of the Grand Lodge on the Grand Lodge room wall for several years previous to that time. The time I first saw the frame vacant the difficulties in that jurisdiction had commenced. I received a copy of document B on the first day of the November session, but not in the Grand Lodge—that is, not during the session. I remained there until the recess. I received a copy between 12 and 1 o'clock at noon in the Grand Lodge room. They were distributed during the recess. They were brought into the Grand Lodge room by Houel, the printer, before the recess, and given by him to Daniel P. Barnard. I asked Barnard to give me a copy. He declined doing so, and so far as I observed, did not, to my knowledge, give a copy to any person during that session of the Grand Lodge. The bundles in which they were brought were not untied. During the recess they were distributed by Barnard to any one that wanted one. The way I knew they were amendments to the constitution, was this—I asked the printer if they were not, and he told me they were. They were distributed in a very little time after the recess was ordered. I do not know particularly what the recess was ordered for.

The recess was occupied by the City Past Grands in considering amendments to the constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and deciding upon what course was best for them to pursue at the meeting of the Grand Lodge. I think they formed an organized body for that purpose. I am not able to say whether they had a Chairman and Secretary or not. I think they had a Chairman. I was present in the Grand Lodge at 3 o'clock, when it met again on that day. A resolution was then offered to adjourn, I think. There was no business done that afternoon in consequence of an agreement to adjourn over to the next day. The City Past Grands again met that evening. They had printed copies of document B before them.

Re-examination by Past Grand Andrews.—I was present at the installation of Grand Officers in 1848. A Grand Master was then installed, and the charter was given to him as Grand Master of the State of New York. It was given to him, George H. Andrews, as Grand Master whilst being installed. I cannot say that any individual in my presence threatened to get possession of the charter before I knew it was removed from its frame; but before it was known to other parties that it was removed, bets were made that the charter would be taken from the possession of Joseph R. Taylor, Grand Master, within thirty days, forcibly or legally. By "legally" I understood, not according to the laws of Odd-Fellowship, but the laws of the State of New York, through the Court of Chancery. At the times when I saw the charter frame empty, the instrument itself was present in the Grand Lodge during its session. I did not hear the form of constitution which the Grand Lodge of the United States directed the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to act upon, read during the November session.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—I did not hear it or any part of it read

By Grand Rep. Smith.—During the time I was present at the November session, there was no convention constitution before the body, as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Q. Was it called for by any member?

A. Not during the time I was there.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—Was there any constitution before the Grand Lodge of New York?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. To what constitution did you understand the resolution on the first page of document B, referred?

A. The resolution of Grand Representative Dwinelle I supposed to refer to some constitution before the body before I came into the Grand Lodge room.

Q. Did you hear that resolution so distinctly, and is your recollection of it so distinct, as to identify it as there printed or as not materially different?

A. I think it is the same.

Q. Do you recollect to have noticed the peculiar expression, "that the form of constitution reported by the convention, held in November, 1846, which was referred back to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States?"

A. I think it is the same.

Q. Did you not, and must not the Grand Lodge of New York then have understood that the subject upon which they were called to deliberate, was the convention constitution, referred to them by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. I understood that at that November session the form of constitution as transmitted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was to be taken up by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for amendment, rejection, or adoption. What the Grand Lodge understood I do not know.

Q. Were you present at the meeting of the City Past Grands on the evening to which you have referred?

A. I was.

Q. Was not the form of constitution directed by the Grand Lodge of the United States to be passed upon by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the subject of discussion?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the form of constitution designated the convention constitution?

A. I have frequently read it.

Q. Did you read the form of constitution as appended to the resolution of P. G. Dwinelle, and distributed to the Grand Lodge that day?

A. I did.

Q. Is there any similarity in the instruments?

A. Some.

Q. Can you say whether there is a general similarity or not?

A. I know there were a great many alterations, but in some parts they are very similar.

By Grand Representative Ramsdell.—Was the delivery of the charter of which you have spoken made by the installing officer?

A. Yes. It was by Joseph R. Taylor, Grand Master.

P. G. M. Joseph D. Stewart called and obligated.

Examined by P. G. Andrews.—Were you present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3d November?

A. I was not.

Q. Were you on Thursday, the 4th November?

A. I was.

Q. At the opening?

A. No, sir.

Q. What time did you arrive?

A. About 12 o'clock.

Q. What was doing at that time?

A. P. G. Dwinelle was reading what was called a constitution; he was assisting the Grand Secretary.

Q. Who was in the chair?

A. Grand Master Taylor.

Q. Did he retain the chair?

A. He did not; he called me to the chair about five minutes after I came into the room.

Q. After the document or constitution had been read, what was the first proceeding—do you recollect?

A. P. G. Barnard offered a resolution.

Q. Was the form of motion as recorded on page 307, doc. E, the form in which he presented his motion?

A. Have no recollection of hearing Barnard, in making the motion, make use of the words, "the convention constitution," and I heard distinctly what he said.

Q. After amendments were offered by P. G. Kennedy, and Dwinelle called for the previous question, did McGowan ask the chair what was the previous question?

A. I decided that the previous question would be the final vote on the convention constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Q. Did you really understand that the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States was before the body?

A. I supposed it was before the body, as I had not attended the meeting on Wednesday, and did not think any other form could be before them, and accordingly so decided.

Q. Was there then a call made by any member for the production of a copy of the convention constitution as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States?

A. There was, and I asked the Grand Secretary for the convention constitution as amended; he answered, "I have not got it, and know nothing about it." The answer was made immediately. He had told me previous to the meeting, "that he had it."

Q. Do I understand that previous to the meeting you had heard the Grand Secretary of New York say that the convention constitution, as amended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was in his possession?

A. He said he had it, and it was in the iron safe, all right. This was said in the Grand Secretary's office.

Q. When Dwinelle called the previous question, did you understand what it applied to?

A. I did.

Q. When you decided as on p. 308, doc. E, did you not know that other amendments had been offered?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you understand that the constitution was a part of the resolution as offered by Dwinelle?

A. I did.

Q. Is that form as recorded on page 308, document E, as you decided?

A. It is not full, as there should be added, "as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Q. Was your decision reversed by the Grand Lodge?

A. It was; and the question then recurred upon the resolution of Dwinelle?

Q. Is the decision as recorded on page 312, document E, as you made it?

A. It is not; my decision was, the resolution was adopted.

Q. Was there any altercation between you and Dwinelle upon the subject?

A. There was some conversation between us; he desired me to make a different decision, but I said the resolution was adopted.

Q. When the Grand Lodge reversed your decision on the appeal, what did you say?

A. I said, shall the main question now be put, and the question was taken without being stated by the chair.

Q. Did this conclude the voting, and comprehend the entire subject?

A. Yes, sir; it was the final vote; no language as recorded on page 310, document E, was used by me.

Q. You say the proceedings, as recorded on page 312, document E, were not correct?

A. They are not, as I considered the resolution was the only thing adopted.

Q. Was there a proposition put to the body as to the adoption of a constitution by itself?

A. No, sir, not by me, or to my knowledge.

Q. Were you in the chair when there were any amendments offered?

A. Yes, sir, by P. G. Kennedy, but by no other person.

Q. Was there any vote taken on any amendment to the constitution.

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did any other person offer any amendments?

A. None other than Kennedy.

Q. Who next got the floor after Kennedy?

A. Dwinelle.

Q. After he had the floor, what did he do?

A. He called for the previous question.

Q. On what?

A. On his resolution.

Q. Were there any amendments adopted or offered except the one offered by Kennedy?

A. There was not; there was no chance for any amendments.

Q. Was there a protest offered?

A. There was.

Q. Did all the minority vote under protest?

A. I believe they all did.

Q. Is the protest as printed the one voted under?

A. It appears to be.

Q. Does it embrace all your views upon the subject therein referred to?

A. It does, or I should not have signed it.

Q. Does the protest correctly recite the decision you made?

A. I think it does.

Q. It appears at the bottom of page 312, document E, that you did decide the foregoing adopted, which seems at variance with your testimony as now given. How do you explain this?

A. I have stated that that was not my decision. I presume the manner it is so recorded is because I had no opportunity to see the record, although I made two applications to see the minutes from the Grand Secretary, but he failed to allow me to do so before they were printed, although he had promised, on two applications, to allow me to see the proof of the minutes.

I did preside in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York during the time Grand Rep. Dwinelle's resolution, on page 1, document B, was under consideration. During that time I did not see document marked C on the Grand Secretary's table. It was not announced that such a document was in the room.

Cross-examined by Past Grand Dwinelle.—I have never seen or heard of document C before to-day. I do not know what it is. [The document shown to the witness.] I have never seen it before. I think it is very doubtful whether it could have lain on the Secretary's table without my seeing it. The Secretary's table is generally covered with papers and documents. In saying that the convention constitution was not announced, I only speak for the time during which I was present. The reading of document B was going on when I took the chair.

Re-examined by Past Grand Andrews.—I did not see any printed copies of the convention constitution distributed that day. The Grand Master, sitting in his chair, overlooks the desk of the Grand Secretary, and can see every thing upon it.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—When the Grand Secretary is reading documents he stands between his desk and the chair of the Grand Master, but not in such a way as to prevent the Grand Master seeing what is on his desk.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—I have acted as Grand Master of the State of New York. It is a long time since I was Grand Master. I was elected August, 1838; my term expired August, 1839. I cannot say much about the manner in which the records have been kept for the last few years—in a very bad manner, I fear. The Grand Lodge being in session, business transacted at such session, such as reports, votes, resolutions, are received, read, and acted upon. At the next meeting the proceedings of the previous meeting are read. I cannot say whether they are read from print or manuscript. Action is taken upon them. They are read and adopted or corrected. I do not know of any law which gives the Grand Master a direct supervision over the minutes of the Grand Lodge, but the custom has been to submit all action of the Grand Lodge to the officer presiding during such session.

By Past Grand Andrews.—I am not aware that it is the custom of the Grand Master to keep minutes of such action, while he presides, but I only speak for myself, for this reason, that the Grand Secretary never printed his proceedings while I was Grand Master, without submitting them to me.

At the request of Grand Rep. Marshall, the old constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, marked P, is put in as evidence.

P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy called and obligated.

Examined by P. G. Andrews.—I was a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at its November session, 1847. I was present on the first day of the session at the opening. I remained until the recess; was there again when it resumed, and remained until the second recess. It is usual for me to take a seat in the vicinity of the Grand Master. I think during a principal part of the time before the first recess, I was either near or within the railing of the Grand Secretary. I remember distinctly being seated near the first column outside of the Grand Secretary's railing, by the side of brother Dwinelle, a part of that time. I know nothing about this identical document B. I did not see Grand Representative Dwinelle present any document in that shape or form. I recollect that he offered a resolution. A few minutes before brother Dwinelle offered his resolution we were seated together in conversation. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge was at that time reading the abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States. During that time I observed a piece of paper in the hands of brother Dwinelle, but I did not pay particular attention to it. It appeared to be a piece of writing paper. At the conclusion of the reading of the document from Grand Secretary Ridgely, one of the brothers within the railing near the Grand Secretary's desk moved a recess for one hour and called the previous question on it. It caused considerable excitement in different parts of the room, and

brother Dwinelle left me and passed over to the other side of the platform of the Grand Secretary. I was on the left side, and he passed over to the right hand side within the railing. He there appeared to solicit the brother to withdraw his motion for the recess. The brother immediately did so as well as his call for the previous question. On it being announced from the chair that the motions were withdrawn, brother Dwinelle offered his resolution. I think it was substantially the resolution which is printed at the head of document B. I think it was the same piece of paper that he had in his hand when I sat by his side. I have seen document C before. I never saw it in the Grand Lodge room at any time. I have seen it in the Grand Secretary's office; I was present on Thursday, the second day of the November session, when the constitution was acted upon. On neither the first nor second day of the November session did I see a printed copy of the convention constitution in the Grand Lodge room; I wanted one but could not obtain it. There was a call made for the form of constitution as sent down by the Grand Lodge of the United States, by P. G. M. McGowan. Brother Stewart was, at the time, in the Grand Master's chair officiating, and he directed the Grand Secretary to read or present it. I think the call was to read it, and he directed the Grand Secretary to read it. The Grand Secretary responded that he had no such document. The form of convention constitution was not read during that session; that is, during the first days up to the time of the vote, and the motion for reconsideration which was rejected. I made a suggestion to brother Dwinelle as to the inefficiency of his resolution to accomplish his object. I saw no copies of document B distributed during the session of the Grand Lodge prior to the first recess. I speak very positively on that; but during the recess P. G. Barnard brought in the parcel, then laid them down near the Grand Master's chair, and said, brethren, help yourselves, but don't be too lavish. The bundle appeared large; there might be one or two hundred copies. [Document L shown to the witness.] This appears to contain the form of convention constitution, but I am not familiar with it in this shape. I am familiar with it as recorded on page 133 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its August session, 1847—[produced, and marked document Q.] The August proceedings were present in the Grand Lodge during the November session.

I know the hand-writing of John G. Treadwell, of New York. I have seen him write. The body of document R appears to be in the hand-writing of Grand Secretary Treadwell.

P. G. Dwinelle admits that the sheets produced in document R, so far as they go, are the original minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its November session, 1847, as made by Grand Secretary Treadwell, at or during such sessions.

By P. G. Dwinelle.—The convention constitution was in general circulation, in a printed form, amongst the Past Grands of the Order, previous to the November session, 1847.

By P. G. Andrews.—I cannot say to what extent the "mandate" of the Grand Lodge of the United States was circulated before the November session. I had a copy.

By G. Rep. Marshall.—I am acquainted with the manner in which the journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is generally authenticated. The sheets in document R show the manner in which the Grand Secretary has been in the habit of preparing the proceedings. In the Grand Lodge he kept rough minutes of the proceedings, inserting numbers for resolutions and other papers presented; and afterwards, in recess, the proceedings were finished by writing out his rough minutes, and wafering on the resolutions and other papers. Where there was a sheet or more of them, they were paged in, as in document R. After being prepared in this manner, it was usual to read them at the earliest meeting thereafter, but that would depend on the pressure of business. Sometimes it occurred at the second meeting, and sometimes it was further deferred so as to give the Grand Secretary further time. There was a great deal of leniency shown towards Grand Secretary Treadwell in this respect by all parties in the Grand Lodge. When they were read, they were passed upon by the Grand Lodge by vote, in form of document R generally, but not always. Sometimes they were passed upon in printed form, a portion of the latter meetings of a session not having had an opportunity to come before the Grand Lodge before the close of the session. It was the uniform practice of the Grand Secretary to print the proceedings of the last meeting of every session, although not approved until the succeeding quarterly session of the Grand Lodge, and for all other meetings that had not been passed upon. The entire preparation was entrusted to the Grand Secretary. It is impossible for me to say whether the proceedings (document R) have ever been passed upon by the Grand Lodge of New York during its November session. I attended during two days. When the Grand Lodge terminated its session on the first day, it was not by adjournment, but by a recess provided for in a resolution offered by brother Dwinelle; and when the Grand Lodge re-assembled on the Thursday morning, it was considered a continuation of the previous day's session, and the proceedings were not read, nor did they go through the usual morning order of business. The understood reason why a recess was taken was to prevent the usual routine order of business being taken up. [Document D shown to the witness.] This is in my hand-writing. As the names were announced, those who voted in the negative authorized me to sign their names to the protest. It was written in the Grand Lodge room while the constitution was being read, and during the taking of the yeas and nays, which followed on the second day of the session. When the first person on the list was called to vote, P. G. M. McGowan, he declined voting at first. I then arose and stated, that probably the brother would have no objection to voting under protest. He said he would have no objection to do so. Bro. Dwinelle, I believe, but I am not positive, asked for the form of his

protest. I said I had a form. He called for the reading of it. It was then read by me. Brother McGowan assented to it and voted accordingly. The others named on the protest all voted in the same way.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—I think this is not the original protest that I prepared. I believe I wrote two paragraphs and handed it to brother Coffin, who added the last. I afterwards copied it in my hand-writing. The copy was not made when brother McGowan voted. The names were put on a sheet of paper not in connection with it. I don't know where the original draft is. I furnished this to brother Treadwell about a week, or possibly two weeks, from the commencement of the session. I think it may have had some verbal corrections, but it is substantially the same as the original.

By Grand Rep. Smith.—I do not know what has become of the original protest. It was brought into my store by brother Treadwell for me to copy. I made this copy (document D) and gave it to Grand Secretary Treadwell. I cannot say what I did with the original. The probability is that I burned it. I have not seen it since. It has not been usual for Grand Masters to examine the entire minutes of proceedings as prepared by the Grand Secretary; sometimes it was done. But it was usual for the Grand Masters to examine so much of the proceedings as was connected with any decisions of the chair in session of the Grand Lodge. It was usual for the Grand Secretary, when the manuscript was not shown, to show the proof to the Grand Master to see whether it was according to his intentions at the time.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—If the Grand Lodge held a quarterly session on consecutive days, did its business, and closed the session without reading and approving the journal of that session, the journal would come up, according to general practice, in a printed form, at the next session, for approval.

By Grand Rep. Ramsdell.—I have never known any such instance.

By Grand Rep. Marshall.—The unapproved minutes of proceedings, if any, were printed by the Grand Secretary, and issued to the subordinates before they came up for approval in the Grand Lodge. But it seldom occurred that the printed proceedings of one session were ready for circulation or distribution before the commencement of another. Such copies as were circulated were not binding on the subordinates unless they were under seal. I think the sealed copy was not circulated until they were approved. I am sure of it.

By Past Grand Dwinelle.—I was in the Grand Secretary's office from one to three times every day unless absent from the city; and I never knew a case of one being sent out under seal before they were approved. I think there are several laws which require the seal to be attached to give any paper authenticity.

Recess for fifteen minutes.

Committee re-assembled.

By consent of parties, P. G. Dwinelle testifies, being obligated, as follows:

I was in the session of the Grand Lodge of New York in November, 1847. A short time before the opening of the session the first day, document B was given to me by Bro. Barnard. The day before I had assisted him in reading proof of this document at the printer's office. Some eight or ten printed copies of it were distributed to prominent brethren, under an arrangement that the one who first got the floor should offer it. Before I had an opportunity of getting the floor, it occurred to me that by the rules of order of my own Lodge, all resolutions must be in writing. I presumed those rules were copied from those of the Grand Lodge, I was therefore apprehensive that if I offered the resolution in print, some one might make a technical objection that it was not in writing. I therefore made a copy in writing of this printed resolution. I laid the written resolution across the face of the printed document. When I got the floor I read the printed resolution, which appeared above the written copy, and handed the printed document to the Secretary. I recognize document B as the very document which I submitted.

I retained the written resolution in my possession. It is not now in my possession, I do not know where it is. I believe there was not more than one vote taken on my resolution, except on the motion to reconsider.

Testimony closed by both parties in relation to the Grand Lodge.
Recess to 5 o'clock.

EVIDENCE TAKEN IN THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT CASE.

Friday, September 22d, 1848.

John J. Davies called and obligated. Examined by Joseph D. Stewart.

I am Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York. At the session held on the 21st of February, 1848, these two documents were received from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. [Documents 1 and 2.] They were received without objection from any one, and disposed of in the usual manner. On the 20th of March I received, as Grand Scribe, and presented to the Grand Encampment, the following documents. [Documents 3, 4, and 5.] I also presented this document. [Marked 6.] I present a communication from the Most Worthy Grand Sire in answer to a letter of mine. [Marked 7.] On the 3d of April, I was present to perform my duty as Grand Scribe to the Grand Encampment. The Grand Patriarch was also present for the purpose of opening, which he declined doing on the ground that there were persons present who were members of Lodges that had been suspended. The G. H. Priest was called upon to open the Encampment by some member; upon his proceeding to do so, the Grand Patriarch warned him that it would be illegal, and that he, the G. Patriarch, was there for the purpose of doing that duty, and would do it as soon as he could see

that it could be legally done. The Grand High Priest declared the Encampment open, the G. Patriarch still retaining his seat, a great body of the members being covered, passing in and out without addressing the chair or giving any word to the Sentinel on entering or retiring. I was called upon by Grand High Priest, Isacher G. Reed, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which the Grand Patriarch forbade me to do, and I declined so doing. They then proceed to admit and instruct new members, whose credentials had not been acted upon, they being in my pocket at that time. Bro. Dimon then arose and offered a verbal resolution, or was on the point of offering it, for he did not conclude, the purport of which was the removal of the officers. He was interrupted by Bro. Dwinelle, who, drawing a paper out of his pocket, observed: "I have something that meets the case." He then read a resolution to the purport following:

"Resolved, That Thaddeus Davids, Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, and John J. Davies, R. W. Grand Scribe, having this evening, in the presence of this R. W. Grand Encampment, committed flagrant contempt of its authority, and refused to obey its mandate, are hereby removed from their respective offices."

That resolution, I believe, was declared adopted by Grand High Priest Reed. There was other business proceeded with, amongst which was an election, but whether for more than one officer I am not aware. After some other proceeding on their part the Encampment was declared closed, Grand Patriarch Davids still retaining his chair, and during the evening, repeatedly warned both officers and members that their course was illegal. He then, by virtue of his authority, declared the Encampment informally adjourned until the 17th April. I present the following document. (marked 8.) I received it in my official capacity as Grand Scribe prior to the 3d of April.

On the 3d of April there were persons present whose names had been sent to me as members of suspended lodges.—D. P. Barnard and Isacher G. Reed, of No. 166; Richard Sharp, of 26; and John C. Jacques, of 94. When the Grand Patriarch requested members who were present, whose lodges had been suspended, to retire, D. P. Barnard, rose and said in substance, I do not pretend to recollect the exact form of words he used, that his lodge was suspended or said to be suspended, but that he should not retire, which was responded to by several of the others saying "nor I, nor I." The Grand Sentinel was not in charge of the door. I went out and returned, and saw others do the same, without giving any pass-word or token. We did not consider that the Grand Encampment had been opened; but it had been declared open by the Grand High Priest. The time I refer to when I went in and out without giving a pass-word and saw others do the same, was after the Grand High Priest had declared the Grand Encampment open and before it was closed by him. At the time new members were admitted, I was in or near the seat of the Grand Scribe, and do not know of my own knowledge, whether the door was then without the protection of the Sentinel.

Cross-Examined by H. P. Rowel. The Grand High Priest waited until about twenty minutes or half-past 8 o'clock, I think, before he opened the Grand Encampment. There were from seventy to seventy-five persons present, who were, or claimed to be, members. I know that the credentials of persons instructed in the Grand Encampment degree that night had not been acted upon, because I had them in my pocket. I don't say all, for I do not know the exact number that were instructed that evening. I had the credentials of one member from Enhakkore Encampment, No. 5, in my pocket. I had the credentials of John Purse, from Damascus Encampment, No. 18, of a member from Mount Vernon, No. 8, and two from Tri Mount, No. 24. John Purse was not instructed in the Grand Encampment degree. The member from Enhakkore was instructed. I had the credentials of Bro. Calahan, from Tompkins Encampment, he was not instructed.

I wish to explain. When I said that the Grand Sentinel was not in charge of the door, I do not wish to be understood as saying that there was no person in charge of the door.

On the 3d of April, the Grand Senior Warden was in his seat in the Grand Encampment. I think the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Treasurer were present also.

Thaddeus Davids called and obligated.

Examined by J. D. Stewart. I was Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, on the 3d of April last, and until the installation of my successor in August last. On the 3d of April I had in my possession the charter of the Grand Encampment, which remained in my official keeping, and was delivered to my successor on his installation, by myself personally, and it had never been out of my official keeping, nor it had never been demanded of me by any person or persons whatever, during my official term as Grand Patriarch. There were from seventy to eighty persons present on the 3d of April, about forty of those present took part in the proceedings by voting.

Document 9 is here offered in evidence, and received by consent of parties, being the constitution, by-laws and rules of order of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York.

Document 10 offered in evidence, and received, purporting to be the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the State of New York.

J. J. Davies re-called. [Document 11 is shown to the witness.] This is a true transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment on the evening of April 3d, as taken from the MSS. record book or journal of proceedings.

This book is the record of the minutes of the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F., of the State of New York. It appears by this book who were elected Grand Patriarch and other Grand Officers on the 31st of July, 1848. They were Joseph R. Taylor, of No. 9, M. W. Grand Patriarch; T. M. Clarke, Grand High Priest; Abraham Brower, Grand Senior Warden; John J. Davies, Grand Scribe; George R. Jackson,

of No. 35, Grand Treasurer; Henry Bremer, of No. 12, Grand Junior Warden.

It appears from this book that they were installed on the evening of August 14, 1848. The Grand Patriarch elect, Jos. R. Taylor, was installed by Grand Patriarch Thaddeus Davids; and the rest of the officers by Grand Patriarch Taylor.

Brother Stewart, being counsel, here rests.

Brother Rowel offers in evidence documents 12 and 13, purporting to be proceedings of the Grand Encampment, (the first being a printed document, and the second in MSS.) working under Isacher G. Reed, as acting Grand Patriarch, and John L. Van Boskerck, Grand Scribe. These documents were received by consent.

David D. Egan, called and obligated.

Examined by H. P. Rowel.

(The testimony is received by consent.)

I was present at the meeting of the Grand Encampment on the evening of April 3d, 1848. There were present from seventy to eighty members; perhaps eighty. I have no knowledge of the number of persons voting on Patriarch Dwinelle's resolution to remove Thaddeus Davids and J. J. Davies from the offices of G. C. Patriarch and G. Scribe, but I should think there were four-fifths of those present. I was present previous to the opening of the Encampment.

When Grand Patriarch Davids was asked why he did not open the Encampment, he said he would at the proper time. After waiting some time the Grand High Priest told the Grand Patriarch that the proper time had arrived. He then refused to open the Encampment. The noise was so great around the Grand Patriarch's chair at the time, that if he gave any reasons for his refusal, I did not hear them. The Grand Scribe, Davies, stated that there were persons present who were members of suspended lodges, and that that was the reason why the Grand Patriarch refused to open the Grand Encampment. The Grand Scribe was asked by the Grand High Priest if he had any official notice of those members who were present belonging to suspended lodges. He did not directly answer the question.

Timothy Parson called and obligated.

Examined by H. P. Rowel.—I was present at the meeting of the Grand Encampment of April 3d, 1848. I do not know what number voted on the resolution to remove the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, but I should think a large majority, certainly more than two to one.

Cross-Examined by J. D. Stewart. I felt deeply interested and, therefore, particularly noticed the proportion of the number that voted.

John C. Jaques called and obligated.

Examined by H. P. Rowel. I was present at the meeting of the Grand Encampment of April 3d, 1848. I counted at the time, and as near as my recollection serves, there were either sixty or sixty-

three who voted on the resolution to remove the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe.

By Grand Rep. Ramsdell. There were two votes taken by rising, but which I cannot say. Some other votes were taken *viva voce*. I counted them while standing, and I went round the room to ascertain how many were present on the one side and on the other. I mean those who voted in the affirmative, there being no negative votes. I obtained my knowledge of the number voting by actual count while voting, and also by my knowledge of the number of persons present belonging to the party that voted.

Evidence closed.





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FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1849.

MONDAY, September 17, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day at Odd-Fellows' Hall, City of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

HORN R. KNEASS.	- - - - M. W. G. Sire.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON,	- R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.	- - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	- - R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. Bro. E. M. P. WELLS,	- R. W. G. Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i>
SMITH SKINNER,	- - - R. W. G. Marshal.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	- W. G. Messenger.
SAMUEL L. HARRIS,	- - - W. G. Guardian.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to call the roll, when the following members responded, viz:

Reps. Allen, of Pa.; Anderson, of Ga.; Ballou, of Vt.; Burr, of N. C.; Cole, of Mass.; Dibblee, of N. York; Davies, of N. Y.; Dickson, of Del.; Fritz, of Pa.; Green, of Ohio; Knight, of R. I.; Marley, of Md.; Moffet, of Missouri; Mott, of La.; Parmenter, of Mass.; Parker, of N. H.; Sessford, of D. C.; Silsby, of Ala.; Smith, of Maine; Theobald, of Maine; Treadway, of Mich.; Wakefield, of N. J.; Zimmerman, of Md.; P. G. Sires Wildey, Kennedy.

The Grand Secretary, having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the representatives, and reported them

duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain, *p. t.*

The chair named the following as the Committee on Credentials: Reps. Parmenter, of Mass.; Sessford, of D. of C.; Zimmerman, of Md.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., presented the Credentials of Rep. Ellison, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Rep. Cole, of Mass., presented the Credentials of Rep. Frost, of the Grand Camp, of Mass.

Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., presented the Credentials of Rep. Read, of the Grand Lodge of N. J.

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., presented the Credentials of Rep. Follet, of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Rep. Mott, of La., presented the Credentials of Rep. Strawbridge, of the Grand Lodge of La.; also of Rep. Andrews, of the G. E. of La.

Rep. Fritz, of Pa. presented the Credentials, of Rep. Wells, of the Grand Lodge of Pa..

Rep. Allen, of Pa., presented the Credentials of Rep. Stokes, of the Grand Camp of Pa.

Rep. Davies of N. Y., presented the Credentials of Rep. Hale, of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Rep. Dibblee, of N. Y., presented the Credentials of Rep. Taylor, of the Grand Camp of New York.

Rep. Anderson, of Ga., presented the Credentials of Rep. Cohen, of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Rep. Green, of Ohio, presented the Credentials of Rep. Olds, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and also the Credentials of Rep's Clark and Spooner, of the Grand Camp of Ohio.

Rep. Burr, of N. C., presented the credentials of Rep. Manly, of the G. Lodge of N. C.

Rep. Moffett, of Mo., presented the credentials of Rep. Forbes, of the G. L. of Mo.; also, of Rep. Crane, of the G. Camp of Mo., of Rep. Barrows, of the Grand Lodge of Miss., of Rep. Brown, of the G. Lodge of Indiana.

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., presented the credentials of Reps. Thomas and Lockwood, of the G. L. of Conn., and Rep. Sanford, of the G. Camp of Conn.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., presented the credentials of Rep. Brown, of the G. L. of N. H.; also of Rep. Currier, of the G. Camp of N. H.; also of Reps. Wakeley and McDonald, of the G. L. of Wisconsin.

Rep. Silsby, of Ala., presented the credentials of Rep. Shaw, of the G. L. of Ala.

Rep. Knight, of R. I., presented the credentials of Rep. Webster, of the G. Camp of R. I.; also of Rep. Marshall of the Grand Lodge of Ky.

Rep. Dickson, of Del., presented the credentials of Rep. Smith, of the G. L. of Del.; also of Rep. Askew, of the G. Camp of Del.

Rep. Sessford, of Dis. of Col., presented the credentials of Rep. Moore, of the G. L. of D. of C., of Rep. Towers, of the G. Camp of D.

of C.; also the memorial of P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va., contesting the seat of the Rep. elect from the G. Camp of Virginia, P. C. P. Brunet, and claiming to be the rightful Rep. of the said G. Encampment.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Md., presented the credentials of Rep. Newbury of the G. C. of Md., and of Rep. Hunt, of the G. L. of Md.

Rep. Smith, of Maine, presented the credentials of Rep. Haines, of the G. L. of Maine.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., presented the credentials of Rep. DeSausure, of the G. L. of S. C.; also of Rep. Colfax, of the Grand Camp of Indiana.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., presented the credentials of Rep. Phillips, of the Grand Lodge of Va., also of Rep. Brunet, of the Grand Camp of Va.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, presented the credentials of Rep. Potts, of the G. L. of Illinois, of Reps. Peacock and Wilson, of the G. L. of Tenn., of Rep. Morton, of the G. Camp of Tenn., of Rep. Hastings, of the G. Camp of Miss., and of Rep. Garritt, of the G. L. of Ark.

The G. Sec'y. presented the credentials of P. G. M. Montgomerie, of the G. Camp of the Grand Lodge of British North America. All of which were referred to the Committee on credentials.

On motion of Rep. Treadway, of Mich., P. G. M. Kellogg, of Mich., duly Grand Sire elect, was invited to a seat within the Hall.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificates of election of the following Representatives as in due form and properly authenticated:

JOHN W. HUNT,	Rep. of G. L. of Maryland.
M. WM. ELLISON,	" " Massachusetts.
JAMES W. HALE,	" " New York.
WILLIAM A. WELLS,	" " Pennsylvania.
M. EDSON B. OLDS,	" " Ohio.
JAMES STRAWBRIDGE,	" " Louisiana.
M. BENJAMIN FOLLETT,	" " Michigan.
JOHN H. MANLY,	" " N. Carolina.
M. SAMUEL READ,	" " New Jersey.
M. D. N. BARROWS,	" " Mississippi.
GEORGE BROWN,	" " Indiana.
LUCIUS A. THOMAS,	} " " Connecticut.
S. LOCKWOOD, Jr., vice	
Minor, resigned.	} " " N. Hampshire.
STEPHEN BROWN,	
GEORGE W. WILSON,	} " " Tennessee.
JAMES PEACOCK, vice	
Smith, resigned.	} " " Georgia.
SOLOMON COHEN,	

P. G. E. WAKELEY,	}	Reps. of G. L. of Wisconsin.
P. G. DAVID McDONALD,		
to fill vacancy,		
P. G. M. ROBERT O. SHAW,	"	" Alabama.
P. G. M. JOHN G. POTTS,	"	" Illinois.
P. G. M. W. W. MOORE,	"	" D. of Columbia.
P. G. M. JOHN F. SMITH,	"	" Delaware.
P. G. ALEX. K. MARSHALL,	"	" Kentucky.
P. D. G. M. ISAIAH FORBES,	"	" Missouri.
P. G. M. ALLEN HAINES,	"	" Maine.
G. M. W. G. DeSAUSSURE,	"	" South Carolina.
P. G. M. W. F. PHILLIPS,	"	" Virginia.
G. Sec'y FRED. S. GARRITT,	"	" Arkansas.
P. C. P. GEO. D. TEWKSBURY,	Rep. of G. Encampment of Md.	
P. H. P. JOS. B. FROST,	"	" Massachusetts.
P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES,	"	" Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. JOSEPH R. TAYLOR,	"	" New York.
P. G. M. JOHN T. TOWERS,	"	" D. of Columbia.
P. G. WM. E. SANDFORD,	"	" Connecticut.
P. C. P. H. NELSON CLARK,	}	" Ohio.
P. G. M. THOMAS SPOONER,		
vice John Brough, resigned,		
G. M. H. F. ASKEW,	"	" Delaware.
P. G. Sec. T. ELIJAH MORTON,	"	" Tennessee.
P. C. P. JOHN G. HASTINGS,	"	" Mississippi.
P. C. P. HENRY L. WEBSTER,	"	" Rhode Island.
P. C. P. AMOS B. CURRIER,	"	" N. Hampshire
P. C. P. BENJ. F. CRANE,	"	" Missouri.
P. H. P. H. PORTER ANDREWS,	"	" Louisiana.
P. H. P. S. COLFAX,	"	" Indiana.

The Committee have the satisfaction of reporting the credentials of P. G. M. HUGH EDMONSTONE MONTGOMERIE, as Special Grand Representative from the R. W. G. Lodge of British North America, as duly authenticated by the signatures of the officers and the seal of that R. W. Body.

The Committee also report, as correct, the certificate of P. G. James M. H. Brunet, as Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of Virginia. They have in their possession a memorial from P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, claiming the seat on the ground of a miscounting of ballots at the election. No evidence has been presented to the Committee beyond the certificate; but the memorialist sets forth certain facts, and his readiness to verify them, which, as he claims, controls the certificate as evidence of the election of the Brother presenting it. The Committee return the memorial to the Grand Lodge for such further action as may be expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.,
B. F. ZIMMERMAN.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., asked for a division of the question presented by the report, when on his motion, so much thereof as related to the uncontested seats in the Grand Lodge was adopted; the question being then on the residue of the report,

Rep. Cole, of Mass., moved to refer it again to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to amend the motion of Rep. Cole, by referring the subject under consideration to a Special Committee.

The chair ruled the motion out of order, upon the ground that a motion to refer could not, under the Rules of Order, be amended.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky. moved to amend by admitting Rep. Brunet, of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, to his seat, and referring back the memorial of Rep. Robinson to the Committee on Credentials.

The chair ruled the amendment to be out of order.

Rep. Cole, of Mass., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion to refer back the second branch of the report of the committee.

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Sessford, of the D. of C., the remainder of the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted, and Rep. Brunet, of the G. E. of Va., was admitted to his seat.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the memorial of P. G. M. C. Robinson, of Va., was referred to a special committee. The chair named Reps. Moore, of D. of C., Burr, of N. C., and Spooner, of Ohio, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Allen, of Pa., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. Secretary W. Curtis and Peter Weikel be permitted to sit during the session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of N. Y., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of last session.

The chair named Reps. Davies, Treadway and Ballou as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Green, of Ohio, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Representative B. C. True be allowed to visit this Grand Lodge during the session.

On motion of Rep. Allen, of Pa., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, from day to day, for the use of the members, omitting from daily publication such documents as the members may be furnished with in printed form.

On motion of Rep. Burr, of N. C., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. James G. Cook, of North Carolina, be invited to witness the deliberations of this body.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following standing Committees.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Smith, of Maine, Stokes, of Pa.; Manly, of N. C.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Cohen, of Georgia; Parker, of N. H.; Merrick, of Ky.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Silsby, of Ala.; Thomas, of Conn.; Wakeley, of Wis.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Read, of N. J.; Dibblee, of New York; Wells, of Pa.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Ellison, of Mass.; Morton, of Tenn.; Brown, Ind.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Mott, of La.; Davies, of N. York; Moffat, of Missouri.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Marshall, of Ky.; Dickson, of Del.; Shaw, of Alabama.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Potts, of Ill.; Fritz, of Pa.; Webster, of R. I.

Committee on Grand Lodges not Represented.—Reps. Askew, of Del.; Clark, of Ohio; Phillips, of Va.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Moore, of D. C.; Allen, of Pa.; Garritt, of Ark.

P. G. Sire Kennedy moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge meet, during the present session, at 9 o'clock A. M., and take a recess daily from 2 to 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do meet daily, during the session, at 10 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Mott, of La. moved to amend by substituting the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted the following Annual Report:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

BRETHREN—In presenting to you, as I now do, in conformity to the constitutional requirement in reference to my official duties, the report of my acts and doings during the recess of this body, I tender to you my cordial congratulations upon the commanding position of strength which our institution now occupies in the hearts of the many thousands who live upon the soil where her wholesome precepts have been unfolded and are now promulgated, and at the same time I express my deep-seated gratitude to the Giver of all good for the various manifestations of his bountiful kindness, as exhibited in the multiform characters of usefulness in which our Order is permitted to present herself to the wants of her wide-spread jurisdiction.

Engaged as you respectively are, while at home, in such intervals as your various pursuits will allow, in the advancement of the principles and the extension of the blessings which we all in common seek to elucidate and to enhance—employed in the same benevolent and harmonising work—by the way-side—upon the mountain—in the valley—in the rural district and the crowded city—you have now temporarily forsaken the cares of your ordinary avocations—the comforts of the family hearth, and the brethren whom you were accustomed weekly to meet in the lodge-room—and repairing to this scene of the usual labors of the supreme tribunal of our brotherhood, retake the management of those high interests which are necessarily and happily committed to the guidance of your discretion, capacity and judgment.

Fresh not merely from the State and district tribunals within our jurisdiction, but also from the working lodges—familiar not merely with the legislative departments of our institution, but with the minute details of subordinate lodge duty, you have brought with you to this more elevated stage of honorable and enlarged action, funds of valuable information, which your zeal in behalf of the objects of our common affiliation will prompt you so advantageously to employ as to tighten the bonds of our union—supply the diversified wants of the various sections over which our healthful influences sweep; and, in short, to contribute to the melioration of our common race, wherever our emblematic chain is furnished by society's sure attrition.

To you, then, will all eyes be turned, as the representatives of a constituency composed of no common share of the intelligence, virtue and worth of the nation in which we reside, and extending not only from ocean to ocean, and from the lake frontier to the Rio Del Norte, but beyond the borders of our country to people just emerged from barbaric darkness, and spreading there the light of civilization and Odd-Fellowship. Full and warm-gushing will be the general aspirations that your deliberations may secure universal harmony and undisturbed peace within our limits—maintain our time-honored customs and rules, which have thus far led to our general prosperity;—save, unbroken and unimpaired, our integrity, in order that our labors in Friendship, Love and Truth may be best prosecuted, and redound to the glory of our beloved institution.

From the adjournment of the last session down to the present time, there has been submitted to me a variety of questions growing out of our benevolent exertions, to some of which it is scarcely necessary to invite your attention; others, however, I deem it advisable to present to your deliberative consideration. Deprived as your chief executive officer is, during the recess, of those efficient helps which the assembling of the various members of the Grand Lodge always affords, it can hardly be expected that his views, in your absence, can fully comport with your own upon the numerous topics of deep interest and even lasting importance to which his judgement from time to time is called. He should, therefore, at the annual meeting, submit his expositions of your intentions, as expressed in your re-

solves, which he is bound, under all circumstances, by every consideration of duty, effectively to carry out, with a diffidence that fears no reversal of any opinion he may have communicated, and at the same time with a confidence not merely in the wisdom and discernment of his brethren so convened, but in that attachment to our general interests which he himself also felt and cherished, while so toiling in the common service. So impressed, I cheerfully solicit your consideration of some matters to which I have been obliged to give my earnest attention.

It has been inquired of me, whether it is competent to a Subordinate Encampment to rescind from its minutes the record of a ballot by which a brother was legally and constitutionally elected to membership in the same, and I have answered that a Subordinate Encampment has no such power. A brother, so elected, has a right to demand that the record evidence of his election shall be preserved, for occasions might arise when it would be necessary to resort to the archives of an encampment for proof of such a fact. If the reverse were true, no member would be safe, for upon the happening of any event disagreeable to a majority of the members, the minority might be entirely disfranchised by expunging from the records all traces of their election, and that, too, no matter how long after their initiation; since, if the right of rescinding in this respect be recognized at all, it can be exercised as well after the lapse of many months as on the night next subsequent to the members' admission. A view so indefensible, of course, could not be sanctioned.

It has also been submitted to me whether the law relative to the composition of State Grand Lodges, (Digest, Sect. 5 of Art. 1 Division 3.) recognizes two *different* classes of members in Grand Lodges, or must be taken as declaring that each State Grand Lodge may provide that in matters of legislation each Subordinate Lodge shall have a pro-rata vote according to the number of members—the character of the vote to be determined by the voice of a majority of the Past Grands present belonging to such lodge. In answer, I could not but express my belief that by the language of the said law “each Grand Lodge consists of all the Past Grands in good standing within its jurisdiction.” The terms employed indicate clearly the composition of a Grand Lodge, and leave no room for doubt as to whether any others than Past Grands are component parts of such a body. A Grand Lodge, by its constitution, “may restrict its legislative power to such a representative basis as it may deem best for the proper transaction of business.” The restriction of the legislative power may be to the members of the Grand Lodge, who, according to the first clause of the law, must be Past Grands, but cannot be so fashioned as to include a portion of the Past Grands, as well as certain others who have not attained to the P. G.'s degree. A State Grand Lodge may so restrict that power by its constitution, but cannot decrease the qualifications of its members, by declaring that any person shall be admitted to a seat in the same, who is not, in the words of the law, one of “the Past Grands in good standing

within its jurisdiction." The exercise of the legislative power of a Grand Lodge must, of course, take place within such a body; and an anomaly, indeed, would be presented, if subordinate lodge members who had never been within Grand Lodge could, with P. G's, wield the legislative authority of the State; and there is no knowing to what an extent such an anomalous proceeding might be carried, if it were at all allowed a manifestation. In one instance, a controlling influence might be found in the increased number of P. G's over the subordinate lodge representations, yet in other instances it might be that the former would be far inferior in number to the latter, and in such a disproportion too as to make the P. G's associated with the subordinate lodge members mere ciphers; in which case, the legislative power would be virtually delegated to the subordinate lodges, instead of being preserved to the Past Grand.

Certain inquiries have been addressed to me as having been suggested, where a lodge, having been suspended or expelled, and the members who composed it, or in case of an expelled lodge, any five of them having applied for re-instatement into the Order, any act of restoration is awarded, viz: whether, in such a case, any act of such expelled or suspended body, performed after the expulsion or suspension was published, should be considered legal? Whether it is competent to a Grand Lodge to heal the initiations made by a lodge during the period of its expulsion or suspension? Whether it is competent to a Grand Lodge to recognize as legal the election and installation of officers, held and performed by a lodge during its expulsion or suspension? Whether it is competent to a Grand Lodge to allow to persons who were elected to and installed in office, and whose term may expire during the expulsion or suspension of the lodge, the honors of the term? To all of which inquiries I have responded in the negative. And in answer to the further inquiry as to the manner of reinstating a subordinate lodge that has been expelled or suspended, I deemed it necessary to say that where a lodge is reinstated, those persons who were in office at the time of its suspension or expulsion should resume their several offices without regard to the duration of the time intervening between the date of such suspension or expulsion, and the reinstatement. In my opinion, when a lodge is suspended or expelled, its functions cease—not merely as to certain purposes, but all purposes. The period of its suspension or expulsion is as a blank in its existence, and whatsoever is done in such an interval, by the persons claiming to be a lodge, is without authority, and in contempt of law, and must be regarded not merely as voidable but utterly void. When the disability is removed, then the lodge starts again into the exercise of its various functions, and the rights of the several members to the offices they held when the disability was imposed, revive with its removal, and they should proceed at once with their respective duties as though there had been no interruption.

It has also been submitted to me whether a Grand Master is empowered to appoint a brother to deliver lectures on the work of the

order, and I have answered that in my opinion the language employed in the "Digest," (page 31,) is so broad as to interdict all lectures upon Odd-Fellowship, unless authorized as is therein stated, whether they relate to the work of the order, or its rise, progress, general attributes, or other matters connected with our brotherhood. By special enactment alone on the part of a Grand Lodge can authority for the delivery of a lecture on Odd-Fellowship be conferred—the Grand Master of himself has no such authority.

Another question, which appears to have enkindled some excitement in several of the states, is whether the Grand Marshal is the only proper officer to take charge of all processions in which a state Grand Lodge participates. The Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the United States is required, when the body of which he is an officer appears in processions and at grand visitations, to take charge of the same, and to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort and accommodation of the officers and members. The duties of the corresponding officer of a state Grand Lodge are analogous to those of the Grand Marshal of this Lodge, and on occasions like those referred to, the Grand Lodge of the state, district or territory is under the charge of its Grand Marshal. The duties of that officer continue during the term of service connected with his office, and he can no more be displaced, without cause, during that term than any other officer of a state Grand Lodge.

I have also been called upon for information in a case as follows: if a subordinate lodge to which a patriarch belongs is suspended by the Grand Lodge—his lodge being suspended his membership in the encampment ceases also—upon the re-instatement of the lodge and his re-election in the encampment, can that encampment charge him with dues during the time he was so suspended; under such circumstances it appeared to me that a patriarch could not be so charged. The disability under which he rested was not caused by any act of his, and it was not within his power to have prevented it. I could see no reason why he should be so punished, and I could find no justice in an opposite view.

Having been applied to by the requisite number of brethren for a dispensation to constitute a lodge at San Francisco, I deemed it advisable to grant the same. P. G. James Smiley, late an active and intelligent member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was charged with the duty of opening California Lodge, No. 1. That brother together with a number of others, sailed from Philadelphia on the 17th of January last, bound to that attractive region. Being personally acquainted with some of the petitioners, I have no hesitancy in believing that their intention of early organizing themselves into a distinctive shape has been satisfactorily carried out, although no tidings have been received at my office from them, since their departure; the result probably of the want of regularity in the mails. From information communicated to me from many of the states, I have learned that a large number of members of our institution, yielding to the allurements of that inviting section, have gone forth

in quest of such purposes as they may have respectively entertained, and from the numerous applications addressed to me for information whether any steps have been taken to plant the standard of our Order in that distant land, I have inferred that there is no common desire felt by those who have thus journeyed, to assist in the extensive advancement of our fraternity and its precepts there. Composed, as that hastily assembled population must be, of persons who flocked as well from the old world as the new, it may be that many of them will on their return to their homes bear with them the kind teachings which we all appreciate so much, and impressed with the utility of our bands of brethren upon a soil where all for the first time met and so soon affiliated, will themselves become so many centres from which the fraternal influence of our institution will radiate with as bright a light as shines through our own favored and happy country. If, however, the effort referred to should fail in this respect, the gratifying consciousness will not be denied to us, that we withheld not from our brethren who journeyed to that inhospitable clime such aid and facilities as could reasonably have been expected; but, on the contrary, rendered every assistance deemed essential to their convenience and comfort.

In this connexion, I regret to say that no official tidings have been received from Brother Fraser, special D. D. G. Sire for the Pacific Coast. The latest information from a private source, with which I have been favored, represented his voyage, owing to extraordinary stress of weather, as very tardy and dangerous. He had not at that time reached his destination. It is to be hoped that that valuable officer will soon approach the field of his useful labor, and do that service there which his distinguished talents and enthusiastic devotion to our institution justify us in expecting at his hands.

During the past winter I received from the Grand Lodge of Texas a copy of certain resolutions touching the depressed condition of that body, and calling upon me for such suggestions as would contribute to its relief. The career of the Order in that state has varied with the circumstances of the state itself. Appreciating our precepts while she was an infant sovereignty, struggling for independence and position amongst the nations of the earth, amid the sanguinary conflicts upon her soil, which now brighten with an imperishable lustre the faithful page of history, the sound principles of our institution were not entirely disregarded. They lived amid the excitement and confusion attendant upon the war, but necessarily could not command that attention and consideration which they would have received if peace had kept its influences there. In Texas, now a portion of our own far extending republic, we should naturally look to the rise of Odd-Fellowship. It is true that our friendly teachings are still heeded and respected—our disciples have increased in number, and embrace citizens as eminent for their moral worth and enlightened intelligence, as well as acquaintance with the general attributes and powers of our institution, as any who grace our wide-spread jurisdiction; still from circumstances beyond the

management and guidance of our brethren of that state, their affairs it is feared have assumed a crisis demanding the aid of such counsel as may be found in the experience and ability of this body, to whom I most respectfully commit them, in the hope that such suggestions and measures may be made and adopted as will happily and fully conduce to the end desired.

In view of the resolution of the last session I did not feel at liberty to appoint and commission a special G. Representative to the R. W. G. Lodge of British North America. The affairs of the two jurisdictions appearing to be in harmony with each other, I did not consider such an appointment as actually indispensable to the interests of the Order.

For information touching the Wildey Fund, as well as the financial condition generally of this Grand Lodge, I respectfully refer you to the report of the R. W. G. Secretary.

In presenting this report I will discharge almost the last duty attaching to me as the chief officer of this Grand Lodge, whose gavel of authority I am shortly to resign. During the interesting period of my incumbency, it has fallen to me to know and feel a responsibility of no common magnitude, and in bearing it I have been sustained by a heart deeply imbued with a fervid attachment to our institution, and resolved upon enforcing her decrees. If I have failed in any of the respects in which I labored for success, the fault is not mine. A train of opposing circumstances may have conspired to defeat my intentions and baffle my steadily directed exertions. If, however, I shall have been instrumental in forwarding the good and redeeming work—in scattering its blessings over any portion of our common race, and in illustrating the cardinal virtues which it endeavors to promulgate, I shall be content; for my unremitting efforts have been directed, so far as I have understood them, to the preservation of things as they were, rather than to the refashioning of them. If, however, the mature judgment of our brotherhood should visit me with disappointment, I shall at all events be consoled by the approval of my own conscience.

HORN R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire*.

September 17, 1849.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Grand Sire's Report was referred to a Special Committee, for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The chair named as the committee—Reps. Spooner, of Ohio; Brown, of N. H.; Hale, of N. Y.

On motion of Rep. Allen, of Pa., 1000 extra copies of the Grand Sire's Report was ordered to be printed.

Rep. Fritz, of Pa., presented the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Dibblee, of N. Y., submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of N. Y., which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Strawbridge, of La., presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be and he is hereby directed to respectfully petition the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States at their next session, in behalf of this Grand Encampment, to make such alteration in the Constitution or Laws of the Order, as will permit State Grand Encampments to confer the Subordinate Encampment Degrees upon Scarlet Degree members, to qualify them for being petitioners for Subordinate Encampment Charters."

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Camp of Ohio, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

No. 1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment is in favor of having a donation made from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States to Ex-celsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu, (Sandwich Island) to assist in erecting an Odd Fellow's Hall for their use.

No. 2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe be and he is hereby directed to respectfully petition the R. W. G. L. of the United States, at their next session, in behalf of this Grand Encampment, to make such alteration in the Constitution or Laws of the Order, as will permit State Grand Encampments to confer the Subordinate Encampment Degrees upon Scarlet Degree members, to qualify them for being petitioners for Subordinate Encampment Charters.

No. 3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Encampment that the interests of the Order call for an Annual Statistical Report of the state of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, and that our Grand Representatives are hereby directed to call the attention of the G. Lodge of the U. States to the subject.

No. 4. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment is in favor of the adoption of the plan proposed by G. Rep. Spooner, for paying the expenses of Grand Representatives for attending the sessions of the G. L. of the U. S., and for the payment of the officers salaries, or of some essentially similar plan.

No. 5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment most cordially approve the course of her G. Rep. Wm. B. Chapman, in voting and protesting against the attempt of the G. L. of the U. States to provide uniform Constitutions for State G. Encampments and State G. Lodges, and of his votes against the donations to P. G. Sire Wildey, and that the thanks of this G. Encampment are due, and they are hereby tendered to G. Rep. W. B. Chapman, for the satisfactory discharge of his duties generally, at the late session of the G. Lodge of the U. States.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the first resolution from the Grand Encampment of Ohio be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the second resolution be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. The third to the same committee.

The fourth, fifth and sixth be laid on the table.

Rep. Davies, of N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS, by Art. 10 of the Constitution, a Representative to this Grand Lodge is required "to have attained to the R. P. degree," therefore,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to report whether it is requisite to be duly qualified for a seat in this body, that a Representative should be a contributing member in good standing of a subordinate Encampment.

Rep. Hale, of N. Y., presented the seal of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, rose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

M. W. G. SIRE AND BROTHERS:—It has become my painful duty to announce the death of P. G. Rep. Albert G. Day, of Ohio, late a member of this body.

The intimate acquaintance of many years which subsisted between the deceased and myself, imposes the obligation upon me of calling your attention to this bereavement and of asking that this public tribute to his worth be placed upon your records.

For several months previous to his decease, Bro. Day had been suffering with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, accompanied in its latter stages with a hemorrhage of the lungs. To recruit his shattered health, he left his home a few weeks ago for the East. But alas! he returned only to surrender up his spirit into the hands of him who gave it. Thus on the 11th inst. passed away in the meridian of life one who by his many noble qualities had endeared himself to all those with whom he was associated in the various relations of life.

Bro. Day was born in the City of Cincinnati, July 18th, 1814— and become connected with our society in the year 1836. By his zealous and untiring devotion to the duties which the Order imposes upon its members, he so secured the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was associated, that they have confided nearly every trust within their gift to his care; the records of his Lodge and Encampment will show that he has served in nearly every office, while the G. Lodge and G. Encampment of his state have bestowed their highest honors upon him.

Those who were acquainted with our brother knew him but to respect and love him for his goodness of heart, his nobleness of mind, and his gentlemanly courtesy to all. The philanthropic principles inherent in his nature prompting him at all times to every good and noble deed, made him, almost unknown to himself, the friend of and sympathiser with his kind.

His loss is one that will long be remembered and deeply deplored by his associates in his native state, by his fellow members of this body, and by all who knew him well, whether united by the ties of the Order, or those only which bind together the human family.

I therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions as the last tribute of respect that we can pay to his memory :

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from us our brother, Albert G. Day, of Cincinnati, late a Representative in this body from the state of Ohio: Therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who ruleth Heaven and earth, we can but mourn and regret the death of our former associate.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives and friends of the deceased in their severe affliction, the irreparable loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That our sympathy is extended to the brotherhood in the state of Ohio, in their heartfelt sorrow for the death of our friend.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be transmitted by the Grand Secretary, to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of the State of Ohio; and, also, to the father of the deceased, Elias Day.

The resolutions were, on motion, unanimously adopted.

Rep. Knight, of Rhode Island, addressed the Grand Lodge follows:

I rise with regret, Most Worthy Grand Sire, to perform the melancholy duty, of announcing to this Grand Lodge the death of P. G. m. Simons, late a representative from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to this Grand Lodge.

His death was universally regretted by all who knew him, and the Fellowship has lost one of its brightest ornaments in the State of Rhode Island.

As an Odd-Fellow he was true to the principles of our Order.

His hand was ever open to relieve the distressed, and his warm sympathy with the suffering and afflicted.

His gentlemanly deportment and social qualities were appreciated, and will be long remembered by the officers and representatives to the Grand Lodge at the session of 1847.

I beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our late brother P. G. Wm. Simons, late Rep. in this body from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, has been removed from us by death—

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge do sympathise with their brethren of the State of Rhode Island and with the friends of our deceased brother in the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and the family of our deceased brother be furnished with a copy of the above preamble and resolutions.

The resolutions, on motion, were unanimously adopted.

P. Torre, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Article 15th of the Rules of Order be amended so as that a motion shall be debatable.

D. Davies, of N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Committee appointed to examine and report what unfinished business of the last session requires to be acted upon at this communication, respectfully report, that upon examination of the progress, they find the following, viz:

Amendments to the Constitution.

Proposed by	Rep.	of Mo.,	to Art. 11,	on Page	1198
"	"	Forman,	" N. H.,	" "	8, " " 1290
"	"	Thorington,	" Iowa,	" "	8, " " "
"	"	Chapman,	" Ohio,	" "	8, " " 1296
"	"	Torre,	" S. Car.	" "	8, " " "
"	"	Chapman,	" Ohio,	" "	12, " " "
"	"	Spooner,	" Ohio,	" "	12, " " 1295

By-Laws.

Proposed by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, Art. 25, Page 1273
 " " " Spooner, " " to Sec. 3, Art. 3, Div. 3,
 of the Digest, on page 1238.

Proposed by Rep. Kneass, of La., Sec. 1 and 2, Art. 1,
 Div. 2, and Art. 1 and 2 By-Laws, on page 1294.

Proposed by Rep. Della Torre, of S. C., to amend 12th Rule of
 Order, on page 1299.

Also, Preamble and Resolutions submitted by Reps. Spooner, of
 Ohio, on page 1190.

JNO. J. DAVIES,
 A. TREADWAY,
 ELI BALLOU.

Rep. Askew, of Del., submitted the following resolution, which
 was agreed to.

Resolved, That "the Committee on the State of the Order" be requested to
 report on the propriety of initiating into the Order any individual deprived of
 sight.

Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, offered the following enquiry, which
 was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is it competent for a Subordinate to receive on deposit a Card of clearance
 for membership, which Card purports to be from a Lodge without the jurisdic-
 tion to which membership is sought, and at the time the Card is sought to be
 deposited, the Lodge are in possession of a notice from the Grand Lodge of the
 suspension or expulsion of the Lodge granting the Card, although at the time of
 the granting of said Card the said Lodge was not under such disability. Also, as
 it regards Visiting Cards under the same circumstances and disabilities.

Rep. Phillips, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which
 was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. M. F. C. Robinson of Va. be admitted to visit this Grand
 Lodge.

Rep Zimmerman, of Md., moved the following resolution, which
 was agreed to:

Resolved, That G. M. Nathan T. Dushane and P. G. S. H. Lewyte be admit-
 ted to witness the deliberations of this body.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved the following enquiry, which was
 referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Does a written resignation sever the connexion of a brother finally and en-
 tirely with the Order, or with his Lodge?

Would a brother so resigning be held or regarded as subject to the jurisdiction
 of the Lodge from which he has retired? or would any other Lodge have juris-
 diction over him?

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., submitted the following proceeding of
 the G. L. of Mississippi, which, on his motion, was received and
 ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

Resolved, That the G. Rep. from the G. Lodge of Miss. to the G. L. of
 the U. S. at its next session, be and is hereby instructed to endeavor to have
 the powers of the G. L. United States, and its officers, clearly defined and pro-
 perly limited.

Rep. Dickson, of Del., offered the following resolution, which was
 agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to take into consideration the necessity of fixing a price for the Past Secretary's degree.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to to appropriate Committees, respectfully recommend :

That so much of said Report as relates to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the granting of a Dispensation for the opening of a Lodge in California be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the Grand Lodge of Texas be referred to the Committee on Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments not represented.

THOS. SPOONER,
JAS. W. HALE,
STEPHEN BROWN.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., the Grand Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

The Grand Lodge having re-assembled, on motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, the matter of the opening of the Grand Camps of Rhode Island and Wisconsin, and the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table for one day, under the rule:

Resolved, That Article 8th of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Strawbridge, of La., submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Can any other than Past Grands be elected to fill the chairs of a Degree Lodge?

2d. If an application for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, by deposit of card, be made and rejected, have the Lodge or Camp the power to keep possession of the card, or must it be returned again to the applicant as when deposited?

3d. If a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment applies for one or more degrees, and should be black-balled, what probation is necessary before he can again apply for the same?

4th. If a person desiring membership does not wish to join a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in the same county or parish in which he resides, can he apply to a Lodge or Encampment in an adjoining parish or county, if it be nearer to his residence than the Lodge or Encampment in his own parish or county, and if both of the counties or parishes be in the same district, and under the supervision of the same officer of Grand Lodge?

5th. To define fully the Laws of the Order in relation to Degree Lodges:—First, the titles of the Officers. Second, which offices must be filled by P. G.'s Third, eligibility of members for offices.

Rep. Moffet, of Mo., submitted the following proceeding from the Grand Lodge of Missouri:

WHEREAS, at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States of 1847, a law was adopted changing the Q. P. W. to a S. A. P. W.; and whereas, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, a Q. P. W. is productive of much advantage to the Order, in securing a better compliance with pecuniary duties of members. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Representative from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to endeavor to procure the passage of a law by that body re-enacting the use of the Q. P. W. in Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Moffet, of Mo., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the State Grand Bodies have power to change the P. W. quarterly, when in their opinion it shall be for the interest of the Order in their jurisdiction.

Rep. Forbes, of Mo., offered the following inquiries, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

"Is it proper for a Degree Lodge to ballot on certificates for Degrees from Subordinate Lodges?"

What constitutes "contempt," as contemplated by Sec. 25, Art. 3, of the Digest. Does a member who neglects to appear at his trial lay himself liable for contempt?

Can a member who has been suspended for the non-payment of his dues be afterwards expelled for criminal or unworthy conduct?

Can a citizen of a Territory in which there is no Lodge be initiated in any Lodge in an adjoining State?

Can "half breeds," or males of mixed blood, who are recognized by the laws of the land as citizens and voters, be admitted into the Order?

Does a member, under charges for unworthy conduct, enjoy any of the rights and privileges of the Order during the pendency of such charges, and previous to his trial?

Can a divorced wife testify upon the trial of her (former) husband, under charges, according to Sec. 27, Art. 3, of Digest?

Rep. Potts, of Illinois, submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is it obligatory on a brother holding a withdrawal card to deposite said card in the Lodge nearest his place of residence?

Can a brother holding a withdrawal card deposite said card in a Lodge of a different State than that in which he resides?

Rep. Brunet, of Va., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into and report upon the utility of having the elections of officers of subordinate Lodges and Encampments (when possible) three months before the commencement of their respective terms.

Rep. Ballou, of Vermont, submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a subordinate Lodge be opened at the time of its regular meeting, in the absence of all its P. G.'s, the N. G. and the V. G.?

If a Lodge can be thus opened, by what officers?

Rep. Crane, of Mo., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is it necessary to ballot separately upon the conferring of each degree in the encampment work?

Rep. Burr, of N. C., submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is it competent for State Grand Lodges and Encampments to elect or appoint alternate representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States?

Is such power vested in Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs in the recess of their respective bodies?

Can an alternate so elected or appointed be admitted to membership in this Grand Lodge without *all* the forms of authentication known to the laws, even although satisfactory evidence is offered of such election or appointment?

Rep. Olds, of Ohio, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A brother makes application for a final card—objections being raised, the application is referred to a committee: after such application has been so referred, can the brother withdraw his application without the consent of the Lodge?

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., presented the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

What jurisdiction or power has a subordinate Lodge over a member who has withdrawn his depositing card and permitted the same to expire by the lapse of twelve months from its date, without depositing the same?

Rep. Mott, of La., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report—

1st. Whether Ancient Old Fellows, or Old Fellows holding permanent cards not expired, who have presented their cards for deposit in a lodge under the jurisdiction where they reside, and have been rejected, can be permitted to join in funeral or other processions, wearing the regalia or insignia of the Order in the same as if they were members in good standing.

2d. Whether any member of the Order can use any of the emblems belonging to the Order in connexion with any advertisement or of public display, not directly appertaining to the wants of the Order.

3d. Whether a brother under suspension is compelled to pay dues for the period covered by his suspension.

Rep. Sessford, of D. of C., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the installation of the officers elect to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Rep. Thomas, of Conn., moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That Article 8th of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be, and the same is so amended, as to add to the same the following words: "Except in the State of New York, which may have two Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments."

Rep. Olds, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That a brother receiving a travelling or final card from a subordinate Lodge or Encampment be required to sign his name upon its margin in the presence of the officers of such Lodge or Encampment as may attest such card.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock

TUESDAY, Sept. 18, 1849, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Horn R. Kneass, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand officers, and a quorum of representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain, *p. t.*

Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., presented the credentials of Rep. Joseph Wood, from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Wm. Chielsey, of Ohio, be permitted to visit this Grand Lodge, during this session

Rep. Forbes, of Mo., presented the appeal of Alton Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificate of the following Representative as in due form:

Grand Encampment of New Jersey.—P. G. JOSEPH WOOD.

WM. PARMENTER,

JNO. SESSFORD, Jr.

B. F. ZIMMERMAN.

Rep. Tewksbury, of Md., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. M. Mathiot, P. G. M. Thompson, P. G. M. Ropes, P. G's White, Walker, Reindollar, McCauley, Curvill and Ninde, of Md., be admitted to visit during the session.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. A. Palmer, of Ohio, be allowed to visit the Grand Lodge during this session.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to report definitely on the 30th Article of By-Laws, as to whether a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in one state can initiate a candidate who shall be a resident of an adjacent state, but when in his state the Lodge or Encampment is more remote than that in the state to which he had applied, without the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of the state in which he resides.

Rep. Hunt, of Md., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Would it be proper to confer any title or honorary distinction on P. Degree Masters?

Rep. Towers, of D. of C., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the first of January, 1850, the official term of Subordinate Lodges shall be three months.

Rep. Towers, of D. of C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency and propriety of fixing a uniform rate for depositing cards in subordinate lodges and encampments, and a uniform time at which members so depositing cards shall be entitled to claim benefits.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wisconsin, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, which were ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use all honorable means to prevent the adoption by that body of any uniform Constitution for the Government of Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That our representatives be also instructed to procure, if possible, the passage of the preamble and resolutions on this subject, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, presented to that body by the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at the last session of that body.

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge are hereby instructed to support the amendment to Art. 12, offered last session in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to their Constitution, which provides for the payment of Representatives' and Officers' mileage, in going to and returning from sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that a special tax be levied on the State Grand Lodges, in the ratio of representation, for the payment of such expenses.

"That Art. 8th of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge be amended so as to read:—Past Grand Sires, after the year 1852, shall continue entitled to perpetual seats in that body, and participate in its debates, but shall not be entitled to vote."

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and are hereby instructed to use all reasonable efforts in that body, to secure the passage of the above amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as presented at its last session.

• *Resolved*, That our Representatives be requested to use all proper exertions to restore the harmony of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of New York, and to secure equal justice to all well disposed brethren of the order.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognize the Law and the Constitution as the governing rule of action of our superior executive and ministerial officers, and superior bodies representing the inferior, and that no custom or usage, not recognized thereby, should be held superior.

Resolved, That our Representatives be instructed to propose and support such amendments as may be necessary clearly to define the duties of the Grand Sire, and the powers of the Grand Lodge as a representative body.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge regrets the decision made in the New York case by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last annual session—believing that if a more careful and candid consideration had been given to the subject, the difficulties existing in that jurisdiction might have been favorably and satisfactorily settled.

Resolved, That in our opinion the matter in dispute was not properly or fully acted upon at that session, and that a re-investigation of the subject is demanded alike by the magnitude of the matter at issue, the principles involved therein, and the difficulties and distrust which will arise to our Order if left as it now stands.

Resolved, That we look with distrust upon the accumulation of a large surplus fund in the hands of the Grand Lodge of the United States, conceiving it capable of being converted into an engine destructive of our rights and privileges as an Order, and that our Representatives be, and they are hereby instructed to use

their best endeavors to adopt such an arrangement as will restrict the receipts of that body to an amount of funds necessary only to defray its actual expenses.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wisconsin, submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1. Can a State Grand Lodge legally approve of the by-laws of a Subordinate under its jurisdiction, containing a clause in a section as follows: "Infidels shall not be proposed as members."

2. Or a section as follows: "Any member of this lodge who shall be guilty of using spirituous or malt liquors, wine or other intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, shall be liable to reprimand or suspension, and if persisted in, to expulsion."—*See Digest*, page 48, section 9, and authorities there referred to.

3. Can a Grand Master take part in the proceedings of his own lodge; vote for officers, membership, or on motions, debate, &c.?

Rep. Hunt, of Md., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G.'s J. Hartman, H. D. Swan, and P. G. M. Holden, of Md., be admitted to visit.

Rep. Moffet, of Mo., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a State Grand Lodge elect or appoint other officers in addition to those specified in section 5 article 11 of *Digest*? and is it proper for a Grand Lodge to elect or appoint an officer for a Subordinate Lodge?

Rep. Olds, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State, which were ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the U. States be instructed to use all honorable means to prevent the adoption, by that body, of a uniform Constitution for the government of State G. Lodges.

Resolved, That our Representatives be also instructed to procure, if possible, the passage of the preamble and resolutions on this subject, by the G. Lodge of U. States, presented to that body by our Representatives, at the late session of that body.

Resolved, That we look with distrust upon the accumulation of a large surplus fund in the hands of the G. Lodge of the U. States, conceiving it capable of being converted into an engine destructive of our rights and privileges as an Order, and that our Representatives be, and they are hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to adopt such an arrangement as will restrict the receipts of that body to an amount of funds necessary only to defray its actual expenses.

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the U. States, be, and they are hereby instructed to use all reasonable efforts in that body to secure the passage of the amendments presented to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the U. States, at their late session, by Reps. Spooner and Chapman, as follows:

1st. That in relation to regulating the salaries of officers, and the mileage and per diem of Representatives, and assessing a special tax to meet said expenditures, and also in relation to the price of printed matter.

2d. That in reference to seats of P. G. Sires in said G. Lodge.

3d. That in regard to more clearly and fully defining the Regalia of the Order.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be, and are hereby most respectfully requested to urge upon the Grand Lodge of the U. States a draft upon their Treasury of unappropriated funds, for the benefit of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in such amount as shall be necessary for the attaining of the desired object.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge have the installation form stereotyped and printed in the Charge Book, and the price of the same, and also of the Degree Book, reduced to cost.

Rep. Fritz, of Pa., asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the Committee on Returns.

The Chair named Rep. Smith, of Del., to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Hunt, of Md., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

After the passage of a resolution by a Grand Lodge acquitting a brother who has been charged and expelled by his subordinate Lodge, is it competent for such Grand Lodge to reconsider such vote and pass a resolution confirming the decision of his Lodge?

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the fifth rule of Order was suspended, to enable the Chair to appoint an additional member of the Legislative Committee, whereupon the chair named Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., on said Committee.

Rep. DeSaussure declined serving on the Committee, and the question being put, will the Grand Lodge excuse Rep. DeSaussure from serving on said Committee. On motion of Rep. Anderson, of Ga., the Lodge refused to excuse him.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the Grand Sire to open a Grand Encampment in Wisconsin, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be granted for the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the Grand Sire to open a Grand Lodge in the State of Arkansas, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be granted to the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the Grand Sire to open a Grand Encampment in the State of Rhode Island, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be granted to the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., presented the following proceeding of the

Grand Lodge of that State, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representative from this Grand Lodge to the R. W. G. L. U. S., be, and is hereby instructed to vote against the adoption of uniform Constitutions for the government of State Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Executive Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States was modeled after the Federal Government; that it possesses only such powers as were delegated by the State jurisdictions, by and through which it was formed.

Resolved, That the power to revise the constitutions and laws of State jurisdictions has never been conceded to that body by the State jurisdictions; that for twenty years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of the United States no attempt was made to exercise any such power; and that until the publication of the Digest, in 1847, it never was claimed by that body.

Resolved, That the attempt to legislate for State jurisdictions, by enacting constitutions for their government, is in violation of the compact upon which the Grand Lodge of the United States was formed, unsanctioned by its own statutes or laws, and should be strenuously resisted by every State jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Grand Representative from this R. W. Body be instructed to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States a copy of these resolutions.

Rep. Hunt, of Md., submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A gentleman makes application to become a member of the Order; the usual committee is appointed, who report favorably, and he becomes initiated. After his initiation, however, it becomes notorious that the person was wholly unworthy of membership—in this case can the Lodge go behind his initiation and declare it null and void—or what other measure can be adopted?

On motion of Rep. Davies, of N. Y., the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Deferred Business, when, on his further motion, that subject was made the special order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

Rep. Cole, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. John R. Mullin, of Boston, be permitted to witness the proceedings of this Grand Lodge during its session.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the term of Subordinate Lodges, from and after the first day of January, 1850, shall be three months.

Rep. Webster, of R. I., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of that state, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

Resolved, That the grand representative of this Grand Encampment be instructed to propose an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the next session thereof, confining the right to vote in Grand Lodge of the United States to the Past Grand Sires already entitled to it, and excluding Past Grand Sires who shall hereafter become such, except they be regularly elected representatives of some legal constituency. That he be also in-

structed to oppose the adoption of a uniform constitution for all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

Rep. Webster, of R. I., seconded by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article 8th of the Constitution, by striking out all after the word "Grand Lodge," and inserting the following: "Present Past Grand Sires shall have a right to vote in Grand Lodge, but no P. G. Sire who shall hereafter become such shall have such right."

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of altering the term of service of officers of Subordinate Lodges from six months to one year.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. Grands James H. Hutchinson and John Boucher, of Pa., be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the sum of \$7 57 be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, it being a charge for thirty copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States of 1846, which were not received by said Grand Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine into the accounts of this Grand Lodge with her subordinate Grand Lodges from the institution of this Grand Lodge to July 1st, 1849.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of said committee to correspond with each subordinate Grand Lodge under this jurisdiction, requesting an account of all monies paid by each to this Grand Lodge, for books, cards, charters, dues, &c., also what amount may be due from each.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. shall submit to said committee all books, papers, &c. in their possession connected with the duties of their appointment, attend the meeting of said committee when required, and afford them such assistance as may be in their power.

Resolved, That said committee shall hold their meeting at such time and place as they may deem best, that their necessary expenses be paid by this Grand Lodge, and that they report to the next annual communication.

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the G. Messenger of this G. Lodge be, and he is hereby authorized to employ an assistant Messenger during the present session, for such compensation as he may deem proper.

The G. Cor. Sec'y. presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, pursuant to the law directing the same, begs very respectfully to submit the annual report of his office. The subjoined resolutions of the last session, embrace the various duties directed to be performed by that officer during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to issue, as soon as practicable, a circular to be sent to the several Grand Bodies within whose jurisdictions such abuse (publishing odes) exists, requesting that the same may be corrected. And that in case of a failure to comply therewith, he be instructed to report at the next session in what jurisdictions such violations of the law continue.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby ordered to forthwith put in suit the drafts on Winchester & Co. and Graham & Co.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed, on or before the first day of May, in each year, to transmit to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment a full statement of its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, so indebted, shall remit the amount due to the Grand Secretary at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare a schedule of the amounts due to the Grand Lodge of the United States by the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to the day of meeting, and furnish the same to the Committee on Credentials, with the certificate of election.

5. *Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed to examine any proposals that may be made, and to contract with some competent and responsible person, for furnishing the necessary paper, printing, stitching and covering the regular edition of the Journal of the present session; the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the first volume of the proceedings of this body, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so soon as copies are printed. And that said committee be directed to enter upon said contract, if practicable, during the session of this body, and, if not practicable, then within ten days after it shall have adjourned; and if the Grand Secretary shall not be duly informed of a contract having been made within two weeks after the adjournment, that then the said officer be authorized and directed to contract for having the work done, according to the style above mentioned, in the most expeditious manner practicable.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to have the odes for Subordinate Lodges, printed in the German language.

7. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of McGowan & Treadwell's edition of the first volume, and the matter to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until 12 o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the committee on printing, to be by them opened, examined and decided upon.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to issue

as soon as practicable, a circular to all the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, through the State Grand Secretaries and Scribes within this jurisdiction, soliciting contributions for the purpose of erecting an Odd-Fellows' Hall in the town of Honolulu, Oahu, in the Sandwich Islands, and requesting these bodies to consider the subject favorably; that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to receive such contributions, and so soon as a sufficient amount shall have been received, he shall be authorized, in conjunction with a committee of two, to purchase the materials and procure work necessary for the erection of said hall, in conformity with a plan to be approved by them; and forthwith to ship the same to the care of Charles Brewer, 24, and for the use of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, in Honolulu.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw out of the treasury whatever unappropriated balance that may remain therein after the close of this Communication, and apply the same to the purchase of the incumbrances on the property of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.

10. *Resolved*, That the said officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to dispose of such amount of the bonds and invested funds held by this Grand Lodge as may be sufficient to complete the purchase aforesaid.

11. *Resolved*, That the said officers in making the purchase above directed, be and they are hereby required to take legal assignments of all the claims so purchased.

12. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to address a circular letter to each Grand Master and Grand Patriarch under this jurisdiction, requesting them to refer the subject of the foregoing report to their respective subordinates.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby further directed to receive from the several Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, whatever contributions may be made to the "Wildey Fund," until the amount contributed shall equal the sum advanced by this Grand Lodge; and shall carry the contributions so received to the credit of said fund in the books of this Grand Lodge, making a full report thereof at the next Communication.

14. *Resolved*, That should the contributions exceed the necessary amount, the Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to notify the several State authorities thereof, so that the contributions may cease.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to receive the "Wildey Annuity," and to pay the same over to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, in such sums and at such times as the said Past Grand Sire may determine.

16. *Resolved*, That the property, the redemption of which is hereinbefore provided for, shall remain under the management of P. G. Sire Wildey, notwithstanding the claim of this Grand Lodge thereon.

17. *Resolved finally*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary comply with the directions of the fourth resolution so soon after the close of this Communication as may be practicable.

18. *Resolved*, That when the Encampments of the State of Wisconsin shall have complied with the By-Laws regulating the subject of petitions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to the satisfaction of the executive officers of this body, a charter be granted for a Grand Encampment in the State of Wisconsin, to be located at such place, within the limits of that State, as may be designated by the petitioners.

19. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Sire Horn R. Knass, R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary James L. Ridgely, and R. W. G. Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, be and the same are hereby authorized either to invest in the corporate name of this Grand Lodge the surplus funds, if any, or take up the bonds issued for copyright of Journal.

In obedience to the first resolution, the undersigned addressed a circular letter to all state jurisdictions in which the abuse, desired to be corrected, was supposed to exist, accompanying the same with an attested copy of the prohibitory law on the subject.

The second and third resolutions have been complied with. The

several accounts of state Grand Bodies are herewith presented, as they respectively appear upon the books of this office on the first day of your session, in conformity with the fourth resolution.

The authority conferred by the first branch of the fifth resolution upon the committee therein designated, not having been exercised, the duty consequent upon the failure of the committee to act, devolved by the second branch of the resolution upon the Corresponding Secretary, has been performed. Having awaited the action of the committee for several weeks after the last session, and receiving no advice from it, the undersigned contracted with James Young, with the approbation of the Representatives of the State of Maryland, for printing 5000 copies of the Revised Journal, according to the style of McGowan and Treadwell's edition, and for stereotyping and copy-righting the same. The edition was received during the month of January and February of the present year, executed in all respects conformably to the contract.

The sixth resolution has been complied with. Herewith I present copies of the daily papers of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati, containing the invitation directed to be made by the 7th resolution, for sealed proposals for printing the journal of this body, together with the proposals, which have been received at this office up to 12 o'clock noon of the first day of the session, addressed to the Committee on Printing. The duties enjoined by the 8th resolution, and by the series comprehended in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th resolutions, relating respectively to Excelsior Lodge, at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and to the Wildey fund and annuity, have been discharged by the undersigned according to his views of the direction of the Grand Lodge in the premises.

The command of the Grand Lodge contained in the two series of resolutions designated above, contemplating respectively contributions in aid of Excelsior Lodge and of P. G. Sire Wildey, appeared to the undersigned, although differing in terms, to have in view the same object, viz: the presentation of these subjects to the favorable regard of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of the states, taking care that there should be no direct communication by the Corresponding Secretary with such subordinates, in the performance of the duty enjoined upon him; but that his communications should be through the State Grand Secretaries and Scribes in the one case and through the State Executives, in the other. Entertaining this view of the direction given to him, the Corresponding Secretary, with an earnest desire properly to carry out the will of the Grand Lodge in the premises, and anxious to adopt a course which in his judgment would give efficiency to his action, adopted *one* form of circular to meet both cases. This circular consisted of an abstract of the entire proceedings on the subject, comprehending the reports of the respective committees, and accompanying resolutions; there was also appended a letter in blank form, over the signature of the Corresponding Secretary, *to be addressed* to lodges and encamp-

ments, asking their favorable consideration of the subject. This paper constituted the entire circular, and was designed for distribution among the lodges and encampments by the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, with the approbation, as a matter of course, of the State Executives, the blanks having been left for that purpose, to be by them filled up, with the name and number of the lodges and encampments under such jurisdiction. Accompanying this circular a printed letter was addressed to these officers, earnestly asking their co-operation, by disseminating the document, and reporting results to the Corresponding Secretary.

Regarding the vote by which the proceeding was adopted as the reflection of a general favorable sentiment in behalf of the subject, and sharing in the common sympathy which had prompted the movement, I was the more desirous of facilitating as far as practicable the early diffusion of the matter before the Order, and after much consideration adopted the course pursued, of suggesting a blank form of circular for subordinates, submitting to state authority the undoubted right, which it possessed, of adopting or rejecting the form suggested, at pleasure. This course the undersigned believed would best accomplish an object which all seemed to favor, and would meet substantially the requirements of the law. It was true that the literal terms of the resolution designated the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs as the parties to whom the circulars were to be addressed; but the name or address of but few of these officers was known to the undersigned; the Scribes and Secretaries were the usual and regular correspondents of the office; were ministerial officers of their respective State Executives, whose duty not less from relative official position, than from the tenor of the resolutions, which formed a part of the circular, it was to submit the paper for the approbation of their superiors. It therefore did appear, and still does appear to the undersigned that even the *letter* of the resolution itself was fully gratified. It was supposed, as a matter of course, that in whatever jurisdiction, *if any*, this subject, or the manner of introducing it, did not find favor with the Executive authority, that the blank forms sent out would not be filled up or disseminated, but would be withheld as mere waste paper, a course which was properly pursued by one or more of the State Grand Bodies.

If I have erred, however, in the manner adopted of executing the command of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the error was obviously an act of over zeal and anxiety to promote the object in view, as it is difficult to conceive a motive which would lead a sane officer wilfully to disregard the command of his superior, especially in a matter the success of which deeply enlisted his personal sympathies. Rush indeed must have been the conduct of an officer who would have thus entered upon an experiment alike disastrous to himself and to the object to be accomplished. The undersigned regrets to have occupied so much space in explanation and justification of what has appeared to him, even supposing his conduct

in the premises to have been wholly wrong, to be a matter of comparative unimportance; but holding himself strictly accountable to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to that body *alone*, for all his official acts, he has felt it to be his duty to bear in silence stringent imputations upon his conduct, awaiting the proper time and place to offer his defence. This subject, with accompanying copies of the circular, is now respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The returns which have been made to this office, in response to the application, by the different state jurisdictions in the matter of Excelsior Lodge and the Wildey Fund and Annuity, are herewith presented in detail, in conformity with the 13th resolution.

Pursuant to the directions of the ninth resolution, the Grand Officers drew from the Treasury the entire unappropriated balance remaining therein after the close of the last communication, and applied the same to the purchase of the incumbrances on the property of P. G. Sire Wildey, which amount proving wholly insufficient, they were obliged to exercise the authority conferred in the 10th resolution, viz: "to dispose of such amount of the bonds and invested funds, held by the Grand Lodge, as might be sufficient to complete the purchase aforesaid." Upon consultation the Grand Officers deemed it advisable to forbear to exert this authority to the full extent delegated, believing that if a temporary loan were contracted by the hypothecation of the bonds, the object could be attained without a final disposition of these securities, looking to the current receipts of the Corresponding Secretary during the year as adequate to the payment of the loan, without disturbing the invested funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Two reasons influenced the Grand officers in the course adopted:—First, the bonds of the State of Maryland, which had been acquired at 63 per centum, were by reason of the resumption of interest by that state, rapidly advancing, and destined to attain, as has since been developed, a value beyond par, being at this time worth \$103. Secondly, the loss to the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the sale of the Maryland securities, would have been further enhanced by the fact, that the annual interest received from that fund was equivalent to 8 per cent. on the investment, the State paying six per cent. on the par value, and the cost to the Grand Lodge being but 63 per centum, and the absence of any necessity for such sale, by reason of the certain ability of the Grand Lodge to meet the loan at its maturity.

Accordingly, on the 25th December, 1848, the Grand Officers contracted a loan of \$4000, for one year, upon the corporate note of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the Savings' Bank of Baltimore, upon an hypothecation of the Ohio and Maryland Bonds. These funds together with the sum of four thousand dollars drawn from the Treasury, from time to time during the year, have been applied by the Grand Officers, first, to the purchase of the preferred lien upon brother Wildey's estate, being a mortgage for \$4000,

which has been acquired, and has been assigned to the Grand Lodge of the United States, by proper conveyance, of record in the office of the Clerk of Baltimore County Court. Secondly, to the purchase of all subsequent liens and charges against the said estate, by extinguishing the several claims, and concentrating the same into one consolidated security, in the form of a confessed judgment, by P. G. S. Wildey, to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the sum of \$4000. The assignment of the mortgage and an attested copy of the judgment have been placed with the Grand Treasurer, which meets the requisition of the 11th resolution.

The entire estate of brother Wildey being thus vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is suggested that some legislation be had declaratory of the fact that it is held only in the nature of a pledge for the specified amount advanced, subject to redemption by him and his heirs. The property, as provided in the 16th resolution, remains under the management of P. G. Sire Wildey, notwithstanding the claim of the Grand Lodge. The 15th resolution directs the Corresponding Secretary to receive the "Wildey Annuity," and to pay the same over to P. G. Sire Wildey, in such sums and at such times as the said P. G. Sire may determine. The receipts for this object have been so inconsiderable, as will appear by the accompanying statement, that no payment has been asked for, or made from this fund.

In conformity to the direction contained in the 18th resolution, a Grand Warrant was issued for the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, on the 6th day of February, 1849.

The Grand Officers, as directed in the 19th resolution, have taken up the bonds of the Grand Lodge of the United States issued for the purchase of vol. 1, of the Journal, from Messrs. McGowan and Treadwell, amounting to \$1500, which are now on file in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

The resolution of the last Session, directing the restoration of the Charter and effects of Jerusalem Encampment No. 1, of Indiana, "when the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary should be fully satisfied of the good standing of the petitioners," has been carried out, satisfactory evidence having been furnished of the character and standing of the applicants. On the 23d of July, 1849, the Charter was transmitted to G. Rep. J. P. Chapman, to be restored through the Grand Encampment of Indiana, to Jerusalem Encampment No. 1, of the state.

During the recess, the undersigned has been obliged to assume authority to contract for a considerable amount of printing, consisting of one thousand Subordinate books, three hundred Installation books, one thousand Encampment work, 50,000 Cards and one ream of blank Diplomas for the use of Grand Representatives. These supplies have been indispensably necessary, the expense incident to which has been paid, for which vouchers will be submitted by the Grand Treasurer. The stock of Charge Books having become exhausted, the undersigned was embarrassed by the resolution of Sept.

Session, 1847, vol. 2, page 1103, which provides, "that the Grand Secretary be directed, when it becomes necessary to have another edition of the charge and lecture books printed, to have the same stereotyped." This resolution limits the stereotyping to the charges and lecture Book, failing to include the Installation forms for subordinate lodges, hence the present edition of the charge book excludes the Installation form, which has been much complained of. It is respectfully suggested that the resolution be amended by authorizing the stereotype also of the form of Installation.

The stock of Digests having become exhausted during the recess, no further edition has been printed, the undersigned deeming it advisable to defer that work until the further order of the Grand Lodge, to the end that provision might be made, if approved, for including such decisions and enactments as have been made since the completion of the first edition.

The resolution of the last session, page 1317, Journal, directing the unwritten work to be engrossed and inserted in the Secret Journal, has been complied with.

The entire edition of the Journal, Vol 1 and 2, has become exhausted. I respectfully suggest, should the Grand Lodge deem it advisable to order a new edition from the stereotype plates now in the possession of the Corresponding Secretary, that a committee be appointed to revise the same, as much matter contained in the first volume, found its way into the Journal, in the form of annotations and commentaries upon the text, whilst it was the property of individuals, which appears to the undersigned to be entirely out of place in view of its present proprietorship: it would appear also in the event of a re-publication, that provision should be made for a more copious and detailed index to the whole. The cost of an edition of two thousand copies would be considerable, and I respectfully recommend that the committee appointed to revise the work, if one should be raised, be charged also with the contract for printing.

The correspondence of the year has been unusually voluminous, an abstract of which, exhibiting in brief the condition and progress of the Order since your adjournment, is annexed.

Foreign Relations.—No correspondence has been had with the Grand Lodge of British North America, other than for the adjustment of accounts, and the necessary supply of Books.

Michigan.—Odd-Fellowship continues to prosper in Michigan in both departments; seven new lodges have been opened, and more than five hundred new members added during the past year.

Vermont.—But little correspondence has been had with this State, sufficient however, to indicate the growing strength of the Order within its limits.

Maine.—In this State the Order has increased, if not rapidly, steadily; several new lodges have been instituted during the recess, and a respectable addition has been made to the membership, over the report of the past year.

Massachusetts.—The Order appears to have settled down in this State into a condition of healthful solidity. The strength of lodges and membership remains about equal to that of the last year. Harmony prevails throughout the brotherhood, and the business of Odd-Fellowship continues to be well administered within the State.

New Hampshire.—In the language of Rep. Parker, "Odd-Fellowship has highly prospered in the Granite State the past year, seven new lodges and one new Camp have been formed, and *all* the old ones are doing well. We now number thirty lodges and seven camps, and we are onward and upward."

Rhode Island.—During the recess a Grand Encampment has been instituted in the State by authority of a warrant from the Grand Sire. The Order at large continues to prosper in this jurisdiction.

Connecticut.—Odd-Fellowship is every where advancing in Connecticut. The reports from the State evince the highest degree of prosperity in both branches.

New York.—There has been a gradual increase of lodges and members in this State, and regarding the domestic difficulties, which still afflict the Order in the jurisdiction, enervating to a great degree its energies, much has been accomplished by the State authorities.

Pennsylvania.—The order continues to advance with gigantic steps in this great State, prospering every where, in all its departments. There remains scarcely a considerable town in the state, without a lodge of Odd Fellows. The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania has now ninety-five subordinates to its jurisdiction.

New Jersey.—Odd-Fellowship has had a season of uninterrupted prosperity in New Jersey; ten new lodges have been instituted, and over one thousand have been added to the membership during the year. The Patriarchal branch continues to diffuse itself rapidly throughout the State.

Delaware.—In this State Odd-Fellowship occupies high ground; considering its territorial extent and population, it is the strongest jurisdiction in the confederacy. Two new lodges have been instituted in the recess, and an increase of 1000 members has been attained.

Maryland.—The Order in Maryland advances with steady step; unbroken peace and harmony prevails throughout its borders, and unexampled prosperity continues to reward the energies of its membership.

District of Columbia.—Although the annual reports from this jurisdiction do not exhibit an increase of lodges or membership, the Order in the District never was in more prosperous circumstances.

Virginia.—Odd-Fellowship in this State has rapidly advanced in both branches; during the past year, a large increase of lodges as well as membership has been acquired; eleven hundred initiations have taken place and the most active zeal appears to characterize the administration of the Order.

North Carolina.—This jurisdiction is rapidly assuming the rank in the Order due to its position and importance. The increase is

gratifying, and gives evidence of her capacity to advance rapidly in strength, if continued energies prevail in the executive authorities of the State.

South Carolina.—The Order has maintained its former strength in this State. Peace and brotherly love prevail within its borders.

Georgia.—Odd-Fellowship occupies elevated ground in Georgia, continuing its former prosperous career, in all its departments.

Florida.—Five subordinate lodges in this State are engaged in successful work, and steps are being taken for the organization of a State Grand Lodge.

Mississippi.—The annual report has been received from the efficient Grand Secretary of this State, shewing a continued state of prosperity in this jurisdiction. There has been a gratifying increase in both branches of the Order during the year.

Alabama.—All is prosperous within this jurisdiction.

Louisiana.—The awakened spirit of the Order in this State continues to advance its greatness, and with rapid steps, every where adding to its strength and usefulness. In no jurisdiction is Odd-Fellowship in a more healthful condition.

Missouri.—In the Western States there appears to have been an all-pervading prosperity in Odd-Fellowship, during the year, including even the most remote points and jurisdictions in which the Order had languished for many years. Missouri has for several years been steadily increasing in lodges and membership, but since her last annual report her career in Odd-Fellowship has been rapid and diffusive.

Illinois.—But little information has been received from the Grand Officers of this State; it is believed, however, that the Order is rapidly progressing in this jurisdiction. The encampments are yet immediately subordinate to this jurisdiction, fourteen in number, and are generally in good condition.

Indiana.—The Order in Indiana is highly prosperous in both departments. The Grand Encampment has already fourteen subordinates under her jurisdiction, having only been instituted during the last year.

Ohio.—This vast jurisdiction continues with rapid strides to advance in Odd-Fellowship, having already attained, in number of lodges and encampments, the third rank in our confederacy. Twenty-two new lodges, and increased membership of more than one thousand, have been added to the numbers reported at the last session. In the language of Grand Master Glenn, of this State, "Harmony and peace pervade the lodges in a greater degree than at any previous period."

Kentucky.—This State has also made great progress during the year, having established six new lodges, and added five hundred to her membership. The Grand Encampment report exhibits an equal degree of prosperity.

Tennessee.—The same impulsive advance in Odd-Fellowship, which has distinguished the other Western States, has marked the

progress of our Order in this great State. The number of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has swelled from thirty-eight to fifty, and a corresponding increase in membership has been attained. Six new encampments have also been formed during the year.

Arkansas.—This State has also awakened, after many years of comparative lethargy in Odd-Fellowship. A warrant was issued on the 26th April, 1849, for the organization of a Grand Lodge in Arkansas. This body was instituted on the 11th June, 1849, and will be represented at this session, in the Grand Lodge of the United States. The reports from the State indicate a rapid increase of the Order.

Wisconsin.—During the recess, a Grand Encampment, as has already been intimated, was organized in this State, instituted by D. D. G. S. Wilson, on the 8th March, 1849, whose report has been received. The Order at large, in Wisconsin, presents a most gratifying spectacle, pervading nearly every part of the State.

Iowa.—This youthful State in the confederacy has been among the first in promptness in her annual report. Odd Fellowship continues to increase within its borders—twenty-one lodges, numbering nearly eight hundred members, are in active work in this jurisdiction; six encampments exist in this State.

Texas.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this State exhibits a gradual improvement in the Order; four lodges are at work in the State, and one encampment. Odd-Fellowship has recently received an impulse in Texas which is destined rapidly to advance its progress.

Sandwich Islands.—No report has been received, or communication of any kind, from Excelsior Lodge, since last session.

Venezuela.—No report has been received from Venezuela Lodge, No. 1, since the charter was transmitted, and it is believed, that the lodge, if ever instituted, is defunct.

Oregon.—Authority was conferred at the last session upon Alexander V. Fraser, as Special Deputy for the Pacific Coast, to open and institute lodges and encampments, for which purpose warrants, books and all necessary materials were confided to that officer. No report has been received from him.

California.—A warrant was issued by the Grand Sire for California Lodge, No. 1, at San Francisco, on the 17th. of January, 1849. No return has as yet been received of the institution of the lodge.

Minnesota.—Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, at Still Water, Minnesota Territory, was authorized by warrant, 26th April, 1849, advice of the due institution of which, by that indefatigable servant of the Grand Lodge, P. D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts, was received, who visited Still Water, at the head of navigation on the Mississippi River, and organized the lodge on the 1st of August last, for which purpose he was specially deputed by the Grand Sire.

The Journal of the last session, when received from the printer, was immediately distributed, first to the Grand Representatives and

officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the quota authorized by law, for State Grand Bodies, was also dispatched to each of these bodies at an early moment thereafter; no complaints having been made, it is believed the Journal reached its proper destination in due course of mail. This Journal was not received from the printer until January, 1849, and hence the delay in its distribution. Efforts have been made by the Corresponding Secretary for several years to expedite this work, but in consequence of the time required in stereotyping, it has been found difficult to obtain it at an earlier moment. The law of the last session, it is believed, will test the ability of the printer to supply the revised editions of this work within a reasonable time. The great anxiety of the brotherhood to obtain the Journal induces many applications for copies, but in as much as the edition authorized is limited by law to the number required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, its officers and members, and the State jurisdictions, Grand and Subordinate, there remains none on hand to meet individual applications. If it is deemed advisable to gratify this desire on the part of brethren for the Journal, a larger edition, by a few hundred copies, will meet this demand.

Herewith I respectfully present an application for the restoration of Charter of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Illinois, also the Constitution and By-Laws of several of the immediate subordinates to this jurisdiction, and of State Grand Lodges and Encampments, submitted for your approbation. I also submit copies of the printed Journals of such of the State Grand Bodies as have transmitted the same to this office during the recess. I beg again respectfully to refer the Grand Lodge to the suggestion contained in my Annual Reports for several years past, recommending that an appropriation be made, for collecting, binding and preserving these Journals, as a valuable reference, during the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Warrants have been issued in pursuance of law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, since your adjournment—

FOR GRAND LODGES.

Arkansas, at Little Rock.

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Wisconsin, at Southport.

Rhode Island, at Providence.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Minesota,	-	-	-	No 1, Sill Water, Minesota.
California,	-	-	-	" 1, San Francisco, California.
Franklin,	-	-	-	" 6, Quincy, Florida.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Wauponsie,	-	-	-	No. 13, St. Charles, Illinois
Puckechetuck,	-	-	-	" 7, Keokuk, Iowa.
Salem,	-	-	-	" 14, Equality, Illinois.

The several applications, together with the returns of the D. D. G. Sires, or special Deputies, who have instituted these bodies, are herewith respectfully presented, for your consideration and approbation.

Pursuant to Article V, Sec. 1, page 15 Digest, the undersigned respectfully presents "a detailed statement of the accounts of his office, shewing the amounts due to and by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a list of all Grand and Subordinate lodges which have failed to report within two weeks of the annual session." See documents A. B. accompanying.

In obedience to the same law requiring the Recording Secretary "to pay over all monies received by him during the recess for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source, and for what object," the following exhibit is made of the receipts of this office during the fiscal year 1848 9. I also present a supplementary statement of the receipts, from what sources and for what objects, since the close of the fiscal year up to and inclusive of the first day of the annual session. The several sums received have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report:

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
1848—1849.**

DATES.	LOGGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	v
1848. Sep. 21,	Rock Island Encampment, Illinois.....	Warrants.	\$30 00	426
Oct. 10,	Wauponsie ".....	"	30 00	425
" 24,	Franklin Lodge, Florida.....	"	30 00	436
1849. Jan. 17,	Pensacola Lodge, No. 1, San Francisco..	"	30 00	442
Apr. 26,	Grand Lodge of Arkansas.....	"	30 00	462
" "	Minesota Lodge, No. 1, Minesota.....	"	30 00	463
June 15,	Grand Encampment of Rhode Island....	"	30 00	470
Total for Warrants,			\$210 00	
1848. Nov. 4,	Haleyon Encampment, No. 7, Alabama..	Dues.	\$12 00	437
1849. Feb. 9,	Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas...	"	7 00	445
" 20,	Pensacola Lodge, Florida.....	"	60 00	448
Mar. 1,	Far West Lodge, Arkansas.....	"	14 86	452
" "	Frontier Lodge, do.....	"	29 70	452
" "	Sirion Encampment, Illinois.....	"	10 00	453
" 5,	Independence Lodge, No. 4, Arkansas...	"	36 85	454
" 13,	Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, Florida.....	"	22 25	455
" 16,	Florida Lodge, No. 1, ".....	"	17 00	457
Apr 17,	Harmony Lodge, Iowa.....	"	50 00	461
May 10,	Narragansett Encampment, R. Island. ..	"	17 62	466
" "	Mosshassuck ".....	"	18 65	"
" "	Palestine ".....	"	19 32	"
" "	Manchester ".....	"	28 56	"
" "	Maniton Lodge, No. 8, Iowa... ..	"	15 42	467
June 2,	Kosciusko Lodge, No. 6, ".....	"	19 54	468
" 21,	Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Illinois...	"	15 00	471
" 22,	Jefferson Lodge, Iowa.....	"	23 53	472
" 27,	Chicago Encampment, No. 10, Illinois...	"	14 83	473
" "	Lead Mine Encampment, No. 5, Illinois.	"	16 00	474
July 17,	Pensacola Lodge, No. 1, Florida.....	"	23 00	478
" 25,	Florida Lodge, No. 1, ".....	"	18 00	479
" "	Lead Mine Encampment, No. 5, Illinois.	"	15 82	480
" 30,	Union Encampment, No. 7, Illinois.....	"	21 00	481
Aug. 10,	Keosauqua Lodge, Iowa.....	"	47 00	486
" 24,	Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas..	"	14 47	494
" 27,	Wauponsie " No. 13, Illinois..	"	16 00	496
" "	Telula Lodge, No. 2, Arkansas.....	"	46 00	497
" 28,	Eagle Encampment, No 1, Arkansas....	"	20 00	498
" 29,	Washington Lodge, No. 1, Iowa.....	"	26 00	499
Total for Dues,			\$694 32	
1848. Sep. 21,	G. Lodge of Mo., Digests, \$75; Books \$4.50	Books	\$79 50	427
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	5 00	428
" 25,	John A. Kennedy, Digests.....	"	412 50	432
" 30,	Neuse Lodge, N. C. do.....	"	3 00	433
Nov. 10,	Wm. N. Ellis, Journal G. L. U. S.....	"	4 00	438
1849. Feb. 13,	Wm. Curtis, Digests.....	"	73 50	446
" 16,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	10 00	447
" 22,	Do. of Connecticut.....	"	48 00	449
Mar. 1,	Do. of Ohio.....	"	50 00	450
" 28,	Do. of Louisiana.....	"	30 00	456
Apr. 26,	J. R. Crampton, N. Y., Digests.....	"	25 00	464
May 9,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	59 50	465

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. V.
1849. June 5,	Tombigbee Encampment, Jour. G.L.U.S.	Books.	\$5 00 469
July 12,	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania,....	"	132 00 475
" 30,	Do. Lodge of Ohio, Digests, \$12 50,	"	
	Books, \$196.....	"	208 50 482
" "	Do. Do. of Kentucky.....	"	44 00 483
Aug. 9,	Do. Do. of New Jersey.....	"	80 00 484
" "	Do. Encampment of Virginia.....	"	14 00 485
" "	Do. Lodge of New Jersey, Digests....	"	125 00 484
" 15	Do. Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	206 00 489
" "	Do. Encampment of Maryland....	"	2 00 490
" 23,	Do. Do. of New Jersey.....	"	5 00 491
" "	Do. Lodge of Mississippi..	"	24 00 492
" 24,	Do. Do. of Texas.....	"	26 53 493
" 25,	Do. Do. of North Carolina.....	"	25 00 495
" 31,	Do. Do. of Wisconsin.....	"	111 00 500
" "	Do. Do. Do. Digests.....	"	50 00 500
" "	Do. Do. of Louisiana.....	"	30 00 501
Sept. 9,	Do. Do. of Georgia.....	"	20 00 502
" 11,	Do. Do. of Missouri.....	"	18 00 503
Total for Books,			\$1917 03
1849. Feb. 5,	Diplomas, Cash.....	Diplomas.	\$5 00 444
June 5,	Tombigbee Encampment, Miss.....	"	8 00 469
July 30,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	18 75 482
Aug. 24,	Do. Do. of Texas.....	"	12 00 493
" 31,	Do. Do. of Wisconsin.....	"	37 00 500
Sept. 11,	Do. Do. of Missouri.....	"	10 00 503
Total for Diplomas,			\$35 75
1848. Sep. 21,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	Cards.	\$25 00 427
" 22,	Do. Do. of New York.....	"	500 00 429
" 23,	Rep. Burr of North Carolina.....	"	37 481
1849. Feb. 16,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	80 00 447
" 22,	Do. Do. of Connecticut.....	"	120 00 449
Apr. 2,	Winchester Lodge, Virginia.....	"	5 00 459
" 17,	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	25 00 460
July 12,	Do. Do. of Pennsylvania.....	"	50 00 475
" 30,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	50 00 482
" "	Do. Do. of Kentucky.....	"	100 00 483
Aug. 9,	Do. Do. of New Jersey.....	"	200 00 484
" "	Do. Encampment of Virginia.....	"	21 25 485
" 15,	Do. Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	350 00 489
" "	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	10 00 490
" 23,	Do. Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	25 00 492
" 24,	Do. Do. of Texas.....	"	5 00 493
" 25,	Do. Do. of North Carolina.....	"	15 00 495
" 27,	Telula Lodge, No. 2, Arkansas.....	"	4 00 497
" 31,	Grand Do. of Wisconsin.....	"	115 00 500
Sept. 8,	Do. Do. of Georgia.....	"	45 00 502
Sept. 11,	Do. Do. of Missouri.....	"	75 00 503
			\$1820 62
1849. Sep. 22,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	Odes.	\$40 00 424
1849. Feb. 5,	Greensboro Lodge, North Carolina.....	"	1 00 443

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. \$.
1849. Feb. 16,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	Odes	\$4 00 447
April 2,	Winchester Lodge, do.....	"	2 00 459
May 9,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	10 00 465
July 30,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	2 00 482
July 30,	Do. Do. of Kentucky.....	"	12 00 483
Aug. 9,	Do. Do. of New Jersey.....	"	4 00 484
" 15,	Do. Do. of Pennsylvania	"	20 00 489
" 23,	Do. Do. of Mississippi.....	"	16 00 492
" 24,	Do. Do. of Texas.....	"	2 00 492
" 31,	Do. Do. of Wisconsin.....	"	10 00 500
Sept. 8,	Do. Do. of Georgia.....	"	20 00 502
" 11,	Do. Do. of Missouri.....	"	10 00 503
Total for Odes,			\$153 00
1848. Sep. 21,	Grand Lodge of Missouri..... 1848.	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00 427
" 22,	Do. Do. of Illinois.....	"	40 00 428
" 23,	Do. Do. of New York.....	"	40 00 430
1849. Feb. 16,	Do. Do. of Virginia..... 1849.	"	40 00 447
" 22,	Do. Do. of Connecticut..... 1847.	"	40 00 449
July 12,	Do. Encampment of Pennsylvania 1849.	"	40 00 475
" 30,	Do. Lodge of Ohio.....	"	40 00 482
" "	Do. Do. of Kentucky.....	"	40 00 483
Aug. 9,	Do. Do. of New Jersey..... 1848.	"	40 00 484
" "	Do. Encampment of Virginia... 1849.	"	20 00 485
" 13,	Do. Lodge of Michigan.....	"	40 00 487
" "	Do. Encampment of Mississippi..	"	20 00 488
" 15,	Do. Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	40 00 489
" "	Do. Encampment of Md.....	"	40 00 490
" 23,	Do. Do. of New Jersey.....	"	20 00 491
" "	Do. Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	40 00 492
" 24,	Do. Do. of Texas.....	"	20 00 493
" 31,	Do. Do. of Wisconsin..... 1847-9.	"	60 00 500
Sept. 8,	Do. Do. of Georgia..... 1849.	"	40 00 502
" 11,	Do. Do. of Missouri.....	"	40 00 503
" "	Do. Encampment of Missouri.....	"	20 00 504
Total for Rep. Tax,			\$760 00
1848. Oct. 10,	1 qrs. int. on Maryland State Stock....	Miscell's	\$49 12 434
1849. Jan. 12,	2 qrs. int. on Ohio Stock.....	"	192 00 439
" "	" 1 qrs. int. on Maryland Stock.....	"	49 12 440
" 15,	Proceeds of special loan on account of Wilsey Fund	"	4000 00 441
July 12,	2 qrs. int. on Ohio Stock.....	"	192 00 476
" 13,	2 qrs. int. on Maryland Stock.....	"	90 03 477
" 25,	Surplus credit of D. D. G. S. Woodward..	"	18 480
Aug. 25,	Surplus credit of G. Lodge of N. Carolina.	"	3 27 486
Sept. 11,	Do. credit G. Lodge of Missouri.....	"	40 00 503
Total for Miscellaneous,			\$4616 32
1848. Sep. 23,	Grand Encampment of Maine.....	Balance.	\$30 00 431
1849. Feb. 16,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	21 00 447
" 22,	Do. Do. of Connecticut.....	"	60 00 449
Mar. 16,	Do. Do. of British N. America.....	"	106 00 456

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
Aug. 9,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	Balance.	84 00	484
" 25,	Do. Do. of North Carolina.....	"	51 12	495
Total for Balances,			\$352 12	
Total Amount,			\$10,609 17	

Supplementary Statement, showing the Receipts of the Grand Secretary, after the termination of the Fiscal Year—June 30, 1849.

DATES.	LODGES OF ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1849.Sept.13,	Grand Lodge of Vermont,.....	Cards.	\$50 00	505
" 14,	do. Lodge of Maryland,.....	"	50 00	508
" 17,	do. Lodge of N. Hampshire,.....	"	90 00	511
"	do. Lodge of R. Island,.....	"	56 00	512
"	do. Lodge of New York,.....	"	450 00	517
"	do. Lodge of Indiana,.....	"	170 00	519
"	do. Lodge of Massachusetts,.....	"	135 00	520
"	do. Camp of N. Hampshire,.....	"	15 00	521
"	do. Lodge of Louisiana,.....	"	60 00	522
"	do. Lodge of Pennsylvania,.....	"	100 00	523
			\$1176 00	
1849.Sept.13,	Grand Lodge of Vermont,.....	Books.	24 00	505
"	do. do. Digests,.....	"	3 00	
" 14,	do. Lodge of Maryland,.....	"	66 50	508
" 17,	do. Lodge of N. Hampshire,.....	"	20 00	511
"	do. Lodge of New York,.....	"	414 50	517
"	do. Lodge of Indiana,.....	"	100 00	519
"	do. Lodge of Massachusetts,.....	"	40 00	520
"	do. Lodge of Louisiana,.....	"	10 00	522
"	do. Lodge of Pennsylvania,.....	"	110 00	523
" 19,	do. Camp of North Carolina,.....	"	14 00	526
			\$802 00	
1849.Sept.14,	Grand Lodge of Maryland,.....	Odes.	\$5 50	508
" 17,	do. Lodge of Indiana,.....	"	10 00	529
"	do. Lodge of Louisiana,.....	"	4 00	522
			\$19 50	
1849.Sept.14,	Grand Lodge of Maryland,.....	Miscell.	\$35 65	508
1849.Sept.17,	Grand Lodge of New York,.....	Diplomas.	\$37 50	517
1849.Sept.13,	Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas,....	Dues.	\$14 99	506
"	Independence Lodge, No. 4, Arkansas,	"	28 05	506
" 17,	Narragansett Camp, R. I.,.....	"	15 90	513
"	Manchester do. do.,.....	"	8 39	
"	Palestine do. do.,.....	"	13 22	
"	Mossashuck do. do.,.....	"	37 37	

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1849.Sept.17,	Winooskie Camp, No. 1, Vermont,.....	Dues.	\$3) 68	525
"	Ascutney Camp, No. 2, ".....	"	14 53	"
"	Green Mountain Camp, No. 3, Vt.....	"	13 73	"
" 19,	Rock Island Camp, No. 1, Iowa.	"	6 03	526
			\$182 82	
1849.Sept. 7,	Grand Lodge of New York,.....	Balances.	\$196 3	517
"	do. Lodge of Louisiana,.....	"	40 03	522
"	do. Camp of New York,.....	"	237 75	523
"	do. Lodge of Alabama,.....	"	39 55	523
" 14,	do. Encampment of S. Carolina,....	"	30 00	513
			\$543 68	
1849.Sept.13,	Grand Lodge of Vermont,.....	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	505
" 14,	do. Encampment of Ohio,.....	"	40 00	507
"	do. Lodge of Maryland,.....	"	40 00	510
" 17,	do. Lodge of New Hampshire,.....	"	40 00	511
"	do. Lodge of Rhode Island,.....	"	40 00	512
"	do. Encampment of Rhode Island,...	"	20 00	514
"	do. Encampment of Alabama,.....	1848-'49.	40 00	515
"	do. Encampment of Maine,.....	1849.	20 00	516
"	do. Lodge of New York,.....	"	40 00	507
"	do. Lodge of Connecticut,....	"	40 00	518
"	do. Camp of do.	"	20 00	"
"	do. Lodge of Indiana,.....	"	40 00	519
"	do. Lodge of Massachusetts,.....	"	40 00	520
"	do. Camp of do.	"	40 00	"
"	do. Camp of New Hampshire,.....	"	20 00	521
"	do. Lodge of Louisiana,.....	"	40 00	522
"	do. Lodge of Delaware,.....	"	40 00	523
"	do. Lodge of Tennessee,....	"	40 00	523
"	do. Camp of Delaware,.....	"	20 00	523
"	do. Lodge of D. of C.,.....	"	40 00	524
" 19,	do. Camp of North Carolina,.....	"	20 00	526
			\$700 00	

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS,.....	Statement.....	\$210 00
	Supplementary.....	
DUES,.....	Statement.....	694 32
	Supplementary.....	182 82
REPRESENTATIVE TAX,.....	Statement.....	760 00
	Supplementary.....	700 00
CARDS,.....	Statement.....	1820 62
	Supplementary.....	1176 00
BOOKS,.....	Statement.....	1917 03
	Supplementary.....	802 00
BALANCES	Statement.....	352 12
	Supplementary.....	543 68
ODES,....	Statement.....	153 00
	Supplementary.....	19 50
DIPLOMAS,.....	Statement.....	65 75
	Supplementary.....	37 50
MISCELLANEOUS,.....	Statement.....	4616 32
	Supplementary.....	35 65
		\$14,106 31

The receipts into the Treasury during the year are greater by \$202 89, excluding the loan of \$4000, made by the G. Officers for account of the Wildey Fund, than the amount for the corresponding period of the last year.

The balance available per reports of Committee on Finance at the last session was \$3,663 10; this amount was directed by resolution of 22d Sept., page 1298 Journal, to be applied at the discretion of the Grand Officers, in liquidation of the bonds of the Grand Lodge of the United States issued to Messrs. McGowan & Treadwell for purchase of Journal, or to be invested in the corporate name of the Grand Lodge. In conformity with this order, so much thereof as was necessary was applied in discharge of the bonds referred to, which have been paid and filed with the Treasurer; the residue, in obedience to the resolution of the same day, page 1304 Journal, was applied to the purchase of the incumbrances on the property of P. G. S. Wildey, already detailed in the preceding part of this report.

It has been found necessary during the recess to print a very large edition of Cards, which have been received and paid for. There is no authority by law warranting the Corresponding Secretary to enter into any contract for supplies during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, however unavoidable the necessity, and yet unless the authority is assumed by that officer, great inconvenience to the membership and a severe check to the prosperity of the Order would result; hence for several years the undersigned has with great reluctance been obliged to assume this responsibility, at the hazard of incurring the displeasure of the proper authority. This subject has been adverted to in my annual reports on former occasions, and I beg again respectfully to suggest that a committee on supplies be appointed, to examine the stock on hand in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, and to report the probable deficiency for the ensuing year, to the end that authority may be given to contract for such deficiency, and an appropriation be made to pay for the same.

The various special appropriations recommended by the Committee on Finance, and approved by the Grand Lodge, have been promptly discharged, and also all the current expenses of the year, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 13th September, 1849, of \$1,169 92, which will be much increased by the ordinary receipts of the session.

The finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States continue in a prosperous condition; the invested funds consist as follows:

64 shares Ohio 6 per cent.,	\$6,017
Maryland 6's,	2,800
Loan to P. G. S. Wildey,	8,000
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	\$16,817
<i>Less</i> —Due Savings' Bank of Baltimore,	4,000
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	\$12,817

To which must be added the outstanding indebtedness to her, which appears in the accompanying tables.

The loan to P. G. S. Wildey is most abundantly secured; it is without interest, the resolution authorizing the same allowing him the usufruct of the estate hypothecated for its security. It appears to the undersigned that the amount contributed by the lodges and encampments, in aid of the Wildey Fund, should be credited to brother Wildey in reduction of this loan, as such contributions were doubtless made in contemplation of such a result.

From this approximate exhibit of the Finances (which will be reduced by the report of the Committee on Finance to precision) it may be supposed that a large and unnecessary surplus fund has accumulated, and that therefore measures should be adopted to reduce the revenue. It will be found however that this fund has accumulated from extraordinary, and not from the ordinary sources of revenue. At the September Session, 1844, when the revision of the work was directed, provision was made in view of the then limited state of the Treasury, and the cost of printing the very large edition which was necessary, for a reimbursement to the Grand Lodge of the expense. The large receipts into the Treasury from the sale of that work, in that and succeeding years, have formed the principal part of this permanent fund, to which may be added the enhanced value of the fund itself, which sum, with interest, amounts to over \$2000.

It will be obvious, therefore, that however the Grand Lodge may be disposed in relation to the surplus itself, it will be unwise to reduce the ordinary revenue.

Herewith is presented a tabular statement made up from the annual reports, showing the progress of the Order during the past year. It is much to be regretted that the state of the Order in the jurisdiction of New York renders this exhibit not even approximately accurate.

In concluding this report, which it is believed fully presents to your consideration the entire details of duty enjoined upon and performed by the Corresponding Secretary during the recess, the undersigned begs to felicitate the Grand Lodge upon the continued prosperity of the vast jurisdiction which now acknowledges her as its supreme head, stretching from the Lakes upon the North to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores, and to invoke in behalf of the preservation of so sublime a spectacle and the maintenance of its unity the most profound concern.

JAS. L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *from Lodges and Encampments, for account of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, pursuant to resolution of last session.*

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	V.
ryland.	Miller Lodge, No. 18,.....	\$5		3
	Patuxent, No. 45,.....	5		6
	Harmony, No. 6,.....	10		6
	Dorchester, No. 19,.....	5		6
	Washington, No. 1,.....	10		5
	Mechanics', No. 15,.....	10		5
of Col.,	Mechanics', No. 18,.....	5		1
	Union, No. 11,.....	10		2
	Covenant, No. 18,.....	5		2
	Beacon, No.,.....	10	\$75	4

[Doc. 2.]

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS *received from Lodges and Encampments, for account of Wildey Fund and Annuity, pursuant to resolution of September session, 1848.*

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	FUND.	V. ANNUITY	V.	TOTAL FUND.	TOTAL ANNUITY.
land,	Frostburg Lodge, No. 49,	\$5 00	2			
"	Mechanics', No. 15,.....	10 00	4			
"	Lagrange, No. 36,.....	5 00	6			
"	Chesapeake, No. 59,...	5 00	9			
"	Buena Vista, No. 53,...	1 00	16			
"	Harmony, No. 6,.....	10 00	16			
"	Washington, No. 1,....	20 00	16			
"	Schiller, No. 55,.....	5 00	16			
"	Columbia, No. 3,.....	10 00	16			
"	Hermann, No. 51,.....	5 00	16			
"	William Tell, No. 4,...	25 00	29	\$10 00	29	
"	Ocean, No. 61,.....	5 00	29			
"	Jerusalem Camp, No. 1,	20 00	25			
					\$12600	\$10 00
husetts.	King Philip's L., No. 44,	10 00	17			
"	Marion, No. 96,.....	8 00	23			
"	Howard, No. 22,.....	5 00	24			
"	Naomi Camp, No. 10,...	10 00	26			
					33 00	
Ivania.	Curtis Lodge, No. 237,...	5 00	5			
re.	G. Sec. Curtis, for acc't. of Lodges,.....	150 00	44			
					155 00	
	Jefferson Lodge, No. 2,...	5 00	33			
	Mechanics', No. 4,.....	5 00				
	Washington, No. 5,....	5 00				
	Philodemic, No. 7,.....	5 00				
	Fairfax, No. 8,.....	5 00				
	Crystal Fount, No. 10,...	5 00				
	Patrick Henry, No 11,...	5 00				
	Oriental, No. 12,.....	5 00				
					40 00	

Statement Continued.

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	FUND.	Y.	ANNUITY.	Y.	TOTAL FUND.	TOTAL ANNUITY.
New Jersey,	Glassboro Lodge, No. 58,	5 00	3	1 00	3		
"	Mystic, No. 56,	3 00	19				
"	Greenwich, No. 5,	3 00	39	1 00	39		
"	Bordentown, No. 16,....	4 00					
"	Washington, No. 21,....	1 00	39	1 00	39		
"	Burlington, No. 22,....	5 00					
"	Pemberton, No. 49, . . .	1 00	39				
"	Malaga, No. 74,	3 00	39	1 00	39		
"	Morning Star, No. 70,...	2 00	"				
"	Ariack, No. 77,	5 00	"				
						\$32 00	\$4 00
Kentucky,	Herman Lodge, No. 17,.	10 00	12			10 00	
Virginia,	Clarksville L'ge, No. 69,	10 00	1				
"	Staunton, No. 45,	20 00	4				
"	Gratitude, No. 24,	5 00	10				
						35 00	
Indiana,	St. Joseph's L'ge, No. —	3 00	17			3 00	
Mississippi,	Mississippi, No. 1,	10 00	22	5 00	22		
"	Washington, No. 2,	5 00	22				
"	Franklin, No. 5,	20 00	22	10 00	22		
"	Grenada, No. 8,	5 00	22				
"	Capital, No. 11,	10 00	22	5 00	22		
"	Concord, No. 12,	10 00	22				
"	Tippot, No. 15,	5 00	22				
"	Magnolia, No. 16,	10 00	22	10 00	22		
"	Chickasaw, No. 24,	5 00	22				
"	Marshall, No. 25,	5 00	22				
"	Rodney, No. 26,	7 50	22				
"	Wholack, No. 31,	10 00	22				
"	McKendree, No. 32,	5 00	22				
"	Wilkey Camp, No. 1,	5 00	34	3 00	34		
"	Tombigbee Camp, No. 6,	5 00	34				
"	Neilson Lodge, No. 18, ..	5 00	35	3 00	35		
"	B. S. Tappan, No. 22, ..	10 00					
"	Liberty, No. 29,	3 00	35	2 00	35		
						135 50	35 00
Georgia,	Oglethorp, Lodge, No. 1,			\$10 00	40		
"	Live Oak, No. 3,	25 00	40				
"	Sylvan, No. 4,	10 00					
"	DeKalb, No. 9,	25 00	40	5 00	40		
"	Albany, No. 11,	10 00					
"	Oclockome, No. 12,	10 00					
"	Williams, No. 15,	5 00					
"	Warren, No. 20,	10 00					
"	St. Johns, No. 23,	10 00					
"	Philodorian, No. 25,	10 00					
"	Mountain, No. 27,	5 00					
						120 00	15 00
Tennessee,	Mount Vernon, No. 29, ..	\$10 00	18				
"	Tannehill, No. 9,			10 00	30		
"	Howard, No. 13,			5 00	28		
						10 00	15 00
Texas,	Lodges of Texas, names not designated,	\$45 36				45 00	

Statement Continued.

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	FUND.	V.	ANNUITY.	V.	TOTAL FUND.	TOTAL ANNUITY.
South Carolina,	Aiken Lodge, No. 7,....	\$10 00	15				
"	S. Carolina Lodge, No. 1,	10 00	43				
"	Kershaw Lodge, No. 9,.	37 00	"				
"	Calhoun Lodge, No. 13,.	10 00	"				
"	Butler Lodge, No. 17,...	6 00	"				
						\$73 00	
North Carolina,	Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2,	\$10 00	31				
"	Manteo, No. 8,....	10 00	31				
"	Cross Creek, No. 4,....	5 00	31				
"	Phoenix, No. 10,.....	10 00	31				
"	Smyrna, No. 18,.....	3 00	31				
"	Concord, No. 11,.....	5 00	31				
"	Neuse, No. 7,.....	1 10	31				
"	Henderson, No. 15,....	5 00	31				
"	Franklin, No. 13,.....	5 00	31				
						\$54 00	
Maine,	Sabbatis Lodge, No. 6,...	\$10 00	37	\$10 00	38		
"	Cushnoc, No. 14,.....	5 00	37	5 00	38		
"	Adams, No. 52,.....	1 90	37	1 90	38		
"	Guages, No. 54,.....	2 50	37	2 50	38		
"	Tarratine, No. 27,.....	10 00	37				
"	Norembeague, No. 43, ..	10 00	37				
"	Passamaquoddy, No. 19,	6 50	37				
"	Ligonias, No. 5,.....	5 00	37	5 00	38		
"	Mousam, No. 26,.....	2 00	37				
"	Kenduskeg, No. 12,....			2 00	38		
						\$52 90	\$26 40
N. Hampshire,	Wechamet Lodge,.....	\$3 00	18	2 00	8		
"	Quochecho Camp,....	2 00	17	1 00	17		
						\$5 00	3 00
Vermont,	Vergennes Lodge,.....	\$5 00	7			5 00	
Iowa,	Harmony Lodge, No. 2,.	\$5 00	27				
"	Henry, No. 10,.....	1 50	27	1 00	27		
						\$6 50	1 00
Arkansas,	Far West Lodge, No. 1,	\$5 00	11	1 00	21		
"	Telulah,.....	5 00	13			10 00	1 00
Florida,	Pensacola Lodge, No. 4,	\$5 00	20	2 50	20		
"	Jefferson,.....	9 00	32			14 00	2 50
Missouri,	Travellers' Rest, No 1,.	\$10 00	41				
"	Wilkey, No. 2,.....	10 00	41	\$5 00	41		
"	Germania, No. 3,.....	10 00	41				
"	Far West, No. 4,.....	10 00	41				
"	St. Louis, No. 5,.....	10 00	41	3 00	41		
"	Howard, No. 10,.....	2 00	41				
"	Mystic, No. 17,.....	5 00	41				
"	Excelsior, No. 18,.....	10 00	41	5 00	41		
"	LaFayette L'ge. No. 20,.	5 00	14				
"	Laclede, No. 22,.....	10 00	41				
"	Randolph, No. 23,.....	2 00	41				
"	Washington, No. 24,....	5 00	41	3 00	41		
"	Evening Star, No. 28,...	5 00	41				
"	Paris, No. 29,.....	5 00	41				

Statement Continued.

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	FUND.	V.	ANNUITY.	V.	TOTAL FUND.	TOTAL ANNUITY.
Missouri,	Phoenix, No. 30,.....	\$10 00	41				
"	Brunswick, No. 24,	5 00	41	\$5 00	41		
"	Olive Branch, No. 36,...	10 00	41			124 00	\$21 00
New York,	Mt. Hebron Camp, No. 2,	\$15 00	42				
"	Union Camp, No. 17,...	5 00	42				
"	Mizpech Camp, No. 24,.	5 00	42			\$25 00	
	Total Wildey Fund,					\$1,113 50	
	Total Annuity,						\$136 90

[Doc. A.]

DUE BY GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

Special loan on account of Wildey Fund, - - - - - \$4,000

[Doc. B.]

DUE BY GRAND ENCAMPMENTS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE U. STATES.

Kentucky,	Balance, \$53 87	Wisconsin,	Char'r Fee, 30 00
	Books, 36 00		Books, 24 50
	Cards, 15 00		Cards, 7 50
	R. Tax, '47-9 40 00		Diplomas, 10 00
	144 87		R. Tax, '49, 20 00
S. Carolina,	Balance, 14 00	Georgia,	Cards, 15 00
	Cards, 2 50		Books, 12 00
	R. Tax, '49, 10 00		R. Tax, '49, 20 00
	26 50		47 00
Maine,	Balance, 57 50	Tennessee,	Balance, 54 00
	R. Tax, '49, 20 00		Books, 36 00
	77 50		90 00
N. Hampshire,	Cards, 15 00	N. Carolina,	Books, 12 00
	R. Tax, '49, 20 00		Diplomas, 6 00
	35 00		Cards, 2 00
Indiana,	Cards, 5 00		Odes, 2 00
	R. Tax, '49, 20 00		22 00
	25 00	Alabama,	Cards, 20 00
Missouri,	Books, 12 00		Diplomas, 20 00
	12 00		40 00
D. of Columbia,	Cards, 12 50	Massachusetts,	Cards, 25 00
	R. Tax, '48-9, 40 00		25 00
	52 50	Ohio,	Books, 36 00
Michigan,	Books, 78 50		36 00
	Cards, 15 00	Delaware,	Books, 18 00
	Diplomas, 10 00		Cards, 12 50
	R. Tax, '49, 20 00		R. Tax, '48, 20 00
	128 50		50 50
Louisiana,	R. Tax, '49, 20 00		
	20 00	Total,	\$1969 37

BY STATE GRAND LODGES TO GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

iana, Odes, \$20 00	Illinois, Journal } 51 00
Cards, 40 00	G.L.U.S. }
<u>\$60 00</u>	Digests, 137 00
achusetts, Books, 10 00	Cards, 145 00
<u>10 00</u>	Books, 80 00
	R. Tax, '49, 40 00
	<u>453 00</u>
olina, Balance, 15 00	D.of Columbia, Balance, 4 00
Cards, 20 00	Digests, 25 00
Books, 35 00	Cards, 20 00
R. Tax, '49, 40 00	<u>49 00</u>
<u>110 00</u>	Virginia, Books, 28 00
merica, Digests, 6 25	Odes, 9 00
<u>6 25</u>	Cards, 72 50
Cards, 28 50	<u>119 50</u>
R. Tax, '48-9, 40 00	Alabama, Cards, 50 00
<u>68 50</u>	R. Tax, '49, 40 00
Balance, 153 00	<u>90 00</u>
R. Tax, '49, 40 00	Ohio, Cards, 50 00
<u>193 00</u>	Odes, 10 00
re, Balance, 15 75	<u>60 00</u>
Cards, 50 00	Texas, Books, 41 47
Books, 20 00	<u>41 47</u>
Diplomas, 4 00	New Jersey, Cards, 125 00
<u>89 75</u>	Books, 73 00
ty, Cards, 25 00	Odes, 4 00
Books, 6 00	R. Tax, '49, 40 00
Odes, 1 00	<u>242 00</u>
<u>32 00</u>	N. Carolina, Balance, 36 12
n, Cards, 125 00	<u>36 12</u>
Odes, 20 00	Connecticut, Balance, 40 00
<u>145 00</u>	Cards, 285 00
re, Balance, 85 75	Books, 118 50
Cards, 41 25	Digests, 25 00
Books, 48 00	<u>468 50</u>
Odes, 10 00	Arkansas, R. Tax, '49 20 00
<u>185 00</u>	<u>20 00</u>
Books, 100 00	
	Total \$2,598 62

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1849

LODGES.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	Past G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved.	No. of Brothers Buried.	Amount paid for Relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount of Relief.
G. L. Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	Md.....	66	1501	441	14	787	16	\$5,583.45	8,292	1,805	105	90	\$17,434.50	\$7,793.95	\$2,216.12	\$6,540.16	\$33,984.73
" Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	Mass.....	130	752	1227	41	1284	7	\$7,700.46	11,884	1,210	107	88	\$5,429.63	\$2,804.47	149.12	3,794.78	31.94 41
" New York.....	New York.....	N. York.....	216	2786	1076	54	1918	10	\$60,715.26	22,872	3,376	185	185	\$5,216.24	7,366.28	762.43	7,967.65	73,332.72
" Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia.....	Penn.....	363	6201	1383	94	2688	14	\$17,757.18	33,366	5,557	728	244	\$65,914.20	5,411.83	177.36	11,540.58	83,043.97
" D. of Columbia.....	Washington.....	D. C.....	13	116	175	1	249	1	\$6,971.91	1,216	27	32	11	\$2,918.55	2,552.99	214.23	562.92	3,841.73
" Delaware.....	Wilmington.....	Del.....	21	339	1	7	141	1	\$2,363.29	1,447	199	17	12	\$1,867.00	151.00	230.00	237.00	2,378.00
" Ohio.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	133	1792	72	14	1130	14	\$6,115.30	9,546	1,250	35	93	\$18,134.53	1,152.98	40.03	\$3,359.14	\$23,676.68
" Louisiana.....	New Orleans.....	La.....	23	437	113	9	173	8	\$28,558.40	1,819	193	5	54	\$5,119.75	155.00	39.00	\$2,802.25	\$8,115.00
" New Jersey.....	Trenton.....	N. Jer.....	90	1204	361	28	767	11	\$45,566.29	7,138	1,017	35	40	\$14,050.57	507.87	310.70	\$1,898.96	\$16,767.11
" Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	56	663	15	14	489	7	\$26,870.76	2,921	303	5	5	\$4,683.05	234.87	234.05	\$1,594.60	\$4,250.83
" Virginia.....	Richmond.....	Va.....	77	1113	236	30	688	10	\$31,207.09	4,896	718	55	45	\$6,919.33	1,601.34	887.20	\$1,737.96	\$11,095.83
" Indiana.....	Madison.....	Ind.....	66	682	7	405	5	31,202.73	2,836	1,443	191	16	50	\$2,902.54	366.42	338.26	\$1,105.00	\$4,712.24
" Mississippi.....	Natchez.....	Miss.....	36	386	69	11	249	8	\$18,437.37	1,433	191	16	50	\$2,902.54	366.42	338.26	\$1,105.00	\$4,712.24
" Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	40	579	98	16	265	7	\$1,437.13	2,312	929	32	43	\$3,255.20	1,198.50	137.00	\$1,411.20	\$6,001.90
" Illinois.....	Peoria.....	Ill.....	56	841	75	9	138	6	\$18,320.28	2,518	197	8	90	\$2,301.80	69.00	48.25	\$632.80	\$3,071.95
" Connecticut.....	New Haven.....	Conn.....	68	829	377	20	547	6	\$21,559.51	5,945	843	25	43	\$1,252.02	501.98	88.44	\$1,024.44	\$14,024.44
" Tennessee.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	50	553	5	19	270	6	\$21,843.05	2,905	146	4	19	\$1,134.76	222.00	65.00	\$125.00	\$4,372.63
" Texas.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	1	18	18	.....	.....	.....	\$2,837.62	139	9	.....	.....	\$1,134.76	222.00	65.00	\$125.00	\$4,372.63
" S. Carolina.....	Charleston.....	S. C.....	18	324	1	95	163	5	\$15,280.21	1,692	121	32	54	\$3,000.00	1,692.00	68.40	\$1,148.25	\$6,481.74
" Alabama.....	Mobile.....	Ala.....	32	328	39	1	161	2	\$14,201.12	1,371	126	9	16	\$2,367.76	353.42	73.60	\$231.25	\$2,406.03
" N. Carolina.....	Wilmington.....	N. C.....	26	249	94	20	115	7	\$7,673.17	955	105	10	7	\$1,651.50	192.00	130.00	\$120.00	\$1,463.01
" Georgia.....	Savannah.....	Ga.....	32	453	176	10	150	5	\$16,733.04	1,841	163	7	17	\$2,162.16	412.00	136.12	\$145.00	\$2,444.93
" Maine.....	Portland.....	Maine.....	58	634	362	29	463	5	\$22,329.19	5,886	544	24	44	\$4,447.30	279.50	74.58	\$1,029.00	\$10,830.38
" R. Island.....	Providence.....	R. I.....	13	94	56	14	143	5	\$3,346.00	1,537	222	12	11	\$3,858.64	448.29	372.75	\$372.75	\$4,660.31
" N. Hampshire.....	Concord.....	N. H.....	29	378	103	63	211	5	\$15,849.33	2,400	291	11	20	\$4,300.00	94.50	339.98	\$339.98	\$5,349.98
" Michigan.....	Detroit.....	Mich.....	43	616	140	13	223	4	\$11,138.34	1,665	354	6	10	\$3,330.32	105.00	414.00	\$150.00	\$3,839.32
" Wisconsin.....	Madison.....	Wiscon.....	35	534	53	67	162	2	\$11,138.34	1,665	354	6	10	\$3,330.32	105.00	414.00	\$150.00	\$3,839.32
" Vermont.....	Montpelier.....	Vt.....	15	198	17	8	74	2	\$5,785.37	841	82	1	2	\$1,012.31	.....	195.00	\$195.00	\$1,512.55
" Iowa.....	Bloomington.....	Iowa.....	21	35	15	5	45	2	\$7,565.57	746	46	2	4	\$355.17	6.55	100.00	\$100.00	\$471.72
" Arkansas.....	Little Rock.....	Ark.....	4	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,662.08	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,365.17	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Honolulu.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			1,797	21,546	6,742	856	13,566	130	\$866,174.60	1,29,819	19,117	1098	1164	\$273,491.05	\$23,202.33	\$6,732.23	\$91,531.65	\$903,536.50

**ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W.
Grand Lodge of U. S., I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1849.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Subor- dinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Rev'tue of Su- bordinates.	Contributing members.	Relief.
G. E. Maryland,.....	Baltimore,...	Md.,...	8	190	19	3	\$6,869 40	1,100	\$4,356 00
" Pennsylvania,....	Philadelphia, Pa.,...	Pa.,...	95	963	95	8	19,443 43	4,493	7,226 72
" New York,.....	New York,....	N. Y.,...	60	267	167	3	10,345 07	1,006	3,578 69
" Ohio,.....	Cincinnati,...	Ohio,...	33	385	4	6	8,584 78	1,562	2,695 81
" New Jersey,.....	Newark,.....	N. J.,...	22	119	30	2	3,188 42	780	1,321 61
" Connecticut,.....	New Haven,...	Conn.,	14	49	25	1	900 03	586	170 75
" Virginia,.....	Alexandria,...	Va.,...	17	145	29	2	3,761 75	637	1,028 50
" South Carolina,....	Charleston,...	S. C.,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Massachusetts,....	Boston,.....	Mass.,	28	109	126	6	6,642 32	1,558	2,229 35
" Kentucky,.....	Louisville,...	Ky.,...	15	133	6	...	2,761 35	530	844 07
" Maine,.....	Portland,....	Me.,...	12	48	24	4	1,581 00	632	585 00
" New Hampshire,....	Dover,.....	N. H.,	7	18	5	2	704 48	355	330 00
" Mississippi,.....	Natchez,.....	Miss.,	10	63	8	...	1,889 73	299	240 00
" Missouri,.....	St. Louis,....	Mo.,...	8	128	14	2	1,939 70	274	42 00
" Dist. of Columbia	Washington,...	D. C.,	5	30	27	...	1,133 66	331	342 00
" Tennessee,.....	Nashville,...	Tenn.,	14	101	...	...	2,567 79	314	...
" North Carolina,....	Wilmington,...	N. C.,	6	14	9	...	969 55	183	67 00
" Georgia,.....	Macon,.....	Ga.,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Louisiana,.....	New Orleans,...	La.,...	6	102	1	2	3,615 76	389	...
" Alabama,.....	Mobile,.....	Ala.,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Indiana,.....	Indianapolis,...	Ind.,...	13	66	1	...	1,287 44	340	200 00
" Michigan,.....	Kalamazoo,...	Mich.,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Rhode Island,.....	Providence,...	R. I.,	4	57	...	...	1,486 31	368	371 15
" Delaware,.....	Wilmington,...	Del.,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Wisconsin,.....	South Port,...	Wis.,...	6	25	...	...	41 58	158	45 00
Wildsey,.....No. 1,	Alton,.....	Illinois,	14	84	....	....	1,123 99	113	80 00
Chosen Friends,....	" 2, Galena,....								
Lebanon,.....	" 3, Springfield,								
Allen,.....	" 4, Quincy,....								
Lead Mine,.....	" 5, Galena,....								
Neibson,.....	" 6, Bellville,...								
Mt. Vernon,.....	" 7, Beardsto'n,								
Union,.....	" 8, Collinsville								
Ridgely,.....	" 9, Jacksonv'e								
Chicago,.....	" 10, Chicago,...								
Irion,.....	" 11, Mt. Carmel	Iowa, ..	7	77	....	....	164 03	111	8 00
Rock Island,.....	" 12, Rock Isla'd								
Wauposie,.....	" 13, St. Charles,								
Salem,.....	" 14, Equality,...								
Haley,.....	" 1, Dubuque,...								
Eureka,.....	" 2, Burlington,								
State,.....	" 3, Davenport,								
Prairie,.....	" 4, Bloom'gton								
Good Samaritan,...	" 5, Iowa City,...								
Iowa,.....	" 6, Fairfield,...								
Puekechetuck,....	" 7, Keokuk,...	Texas, .	1	3	....	....	144 60	15	...
Lone Star,.....	" 1, Galveston,...								
Eagle,.....	" 1, Helena,....	Ark.,...	1	14	....	....	274 60	16	...
Wisconsin,.....	" 1, Montpelier,								
Ascutney,.....	" 2, Windsor,...	Verm't,	3	15	....	....	578 00	49	...
Green Mountain,...	" 3, Middleburg								
			409	3205	590	40	\$80,833 37	17,113	\$26,161 25

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

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1848.			
Sept. 22,	To Cash on hand.....	\$4,756	76
1849.			
Sept. 22,	To Cash from Grand Secretary.....	10,717	52
" "	" " " from Do. Do. Wildey Fund and Annuity.	1,087	90
		<u>\$16,562</u>	<u>18</u>

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1848.			
Sept. 22,	By cash to D. Egan, for bond of Grand Lodge of U. S.....	\$500	00
" 23,	" P. G. S. Hopkins, for expenses to com'tee, N. Y..	275	00
" "	" do do for travelling expenses.....	25	00
" "	" Neagle, for Portrait of Hopkins & Perkins.....	201	00
" "	" Smith Skinner, G. Marshal to G. L. U. S.....	25	00
" "	" N. A. Thompson, D. G. S., travelling expenses .	60	00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, Assistant Messenger.....	10	00
" "	" do for sundries furn'hd G. L. U. S.	26	37
" "	" J. A. Kennedy, expenses	50	00
" "	" P. G. S. Glazier, do.....	25	00
" "	" G. S. H. R. Knease, postage and expenses.....	56	27
" "	" D. McCabe, travelling expenses, G. Chaplain,..	70	00
" "	" York AtLee, expenses Com. on Portraits.....	20	00
" "	" E. S. Fryer, for two portrait frames.....	14	00
" "	" Mrs. A. Sisco, for eight Collars for G. L.....	96	00
" "	" J. L. Ridgely, expenses as Rep. to G. L. of B. N. A.	100	00
" 25,	" E. Ballou, by order of the Grand Lodge of U. S..	100	00
" "	" R. Sutton, Sec'ry on New York case.....	25	00
" "	" C. McGowan, for bond of G. L. U. S.....	500	00
" "	" do do do	500	00
" "	" S. G. Harris, G. Guardian to G. L. U. S.....	20	00
" 26,	" Discount on uncurrent funds.....	21	88
" "	" Protest on S. W. Bond's Check.....	1	50
" 28,	" J. Mearis per resolution G. L. U. S.....	12	00
Oct. 2,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec'ry.....	23	33
" 7,	" J. Young, for printing proceedings, G. L. U. S..	262	17 1/2
" 12,	" P. G. S. Wildey, appropriation of G. L. U. S.....	1000	00
" 26,	" do do do	1000	00
Nov 4,	" J. E. Chamberlain, postage and freight.....	15	53
" 16,	" Cushing & Bro., for Record Book.....	8	37
" 17,	" J. J. Johnston, for Desks.....	16	00
Dec. 2,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec'ry....	5	53
" 4,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec'ry..	300	00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, one quar. salary as Messenger	125	00
" 19,	" B. F. Zimmerman, for filling up Charters.....	9	00
" 28,	" J. Young, for printing Journal.....	522	00
1849,			
Jan. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage of G. Sec'ry.....	10	00
" 15,	" Stamp on note to Savings' Bank.....	2	00
" "	" D. B. Banks, for Mortgage.....	4000	00
" "	" Interest on loan from Savings' Bank.....	240	00
" 19,	" Stamp on Mortgage and recording do.....	4	40
" 31,	" J. Young, balance due on printing Journal.....	264	00
" "	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage and boxes.....	18	44
" "	" P. G. S. Wildey by order of G. L. U. S.....	320	00

Mar. 1,	By Cash,	J. L. Ridgely for one quar. salary as G. Sec'y...	300 00
"	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for do and postage of G. S.	132 60
"	"	do do for postage of G. Sec'y.....	5 75
May 4,	"	do do do	5 93
" 17,	"	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary as G. Sec'y..	300 00
"	"	notes of broken Banks returned to G. Sec'y ...	11 00
"	"	discount on uncurrent funds.....	4 08
" 26,	"	J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary.....	125 00
July 2,	"	do do for postage of G. Secretary..	12 50
"	"	discount on uncurrent funds.....	1 37½
Aug. 8,	"	P. G. S. Wildey, appropriation of G. L. U S....	650 00
" 13,	"	I. Bonsal, for binding.....	290 93
" 23,	"	discount on draft from N. Jersey.....	62½
" 31,	"	Fee returned for Charter.....	30 00
Sept. 3,	"	J. L. Ridgely, one quar. salary as G. Sec'y.....	300 00
"	"	J. E. Chamberlain, do as Mess'ger & post.	139 72
" 9,	"	P. G. S. Wildey, on account of appropriation....	1000 00
"	"	S. Sands, for printing Cards.....	713 57
" 13,	"	J. W. Bond & Co., Stationery.....	77 56
"	"	James Young for Printing.....	358 00
"	"	discount on collecting Drafts.....	13 14
"	"	collecting Draft on Wildey Fund.....	8 23
"	"	Cash on hand.....	1,169 92
			\$16,562 18

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the daily proceedings of this body be printed.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour having arrived fixed for installation of the Grand officers, on motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

P. G. M. Robert H. Griffin, of Ga., being presented by P. G. Sire Wildey and P. D. G. S. Moore at the foot of the Chair, and having been qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire according to law, and invested with the Regalia of his office, was formally conducted to the Chair, and proclaimed the duly installed M. W. Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of North America, in ample form.

P. G. M.'s A. S. Kellogg, R. W. D. G. Sire.

" James L. Ridgely, R. W. G. R. and C. Sec'y.

" Andrew E. Warner, R. W. G. Treas., were then each introduced by P. G. Sire Wildey and P. D. G. S. Moore, and installed into their respective offices.

The following Grand Officers were appointed by the Chair, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution.

P. G. M. Rev. E. M. P. Wells, of Mass., R. W. G. Chaplain.

P. G. Jno. R. Johnson, of Ga., R. W. G. Marshal.

P. G. Jno. E. Chamberlain, of Md., W. G. Messenger.

P. G. S. H. Lewyt, of Md., W. G. Guardian, who were severally conducted to their respective offices.

The ceremony of installation being closed, the M. W. Grand Sire addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Our solemn forms complied with, my Brothers, I now assume the powers and duties of the Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows. The Subordinate Officers, selected or confirmed by you, are already in the various stations designated by our laws, for those whose province it is to assist you and your presiding officer in the government of the fraternity.

Such an occasion, the beginning of a new administration in Odd-Fellowship, is always interesting, not only to those who have been set apart for the discharge of official functions, and to the august body to which they owe their elevation, but also, in a modified degree, to that great congregation which constitutes the broad foundation of our Order. From the humblest member of our brotherhood to him who has garnered his full harvest of honor, the whole Order is concerned in the transition of authority, at these appointed seasons, out of the hands of tried servants of Odd-Fellowship into those of men comparatively new. The frequent recurrence of this period of change serves most forcibly to remind us all, that our institution tolerates no long continued distinction of persons, and that the rulers and the ruled are separated only by temporary barriers.

No Odd-Fellow can occupy the distinguished position to which it has pleased the Grand Lodge of the United States to call me, without deeply feeling the responsibility which accompanies its honors. That responsibility will be ever present to my remembrance, coming up, now, in the calm shape of constitutional law, and now in the sterner form of that solemn obligation which preceded my investiture. I believe that I am properly impressed with the value of the trust which has been confided to me. I know that I am earnestly awake to the serious requirements of my station. Grateful for the confidence reposed in me, and ambitious only to deserve the approval of my brethren, I will, so far as in me lies, administer your laws faithfully, honestly and impartially. With an eye single to the advancement of the best interests of the fraternity, it shall be my constant aim so to walk and so to act that in the fulness of time I may fall back into the ranks of Odd-Fellowship, with a conscience void of offence.

The welfare of our Order, Past Grand Sires and Representatives is in your custody, infinitely more than in mine. You are the paramount legislature, you the supreme tribunal in our scheme of government. From you, her great head, descends the will which sets in motion and controls the symmetrical body of Odd-Fellowship. From you, her great heart, her life-blood passes into all her veins. May the head never be sick, and the heart never be faint! The wise labors of your predecessors, protected and blessed by the Author of all good, have, in the lifetime of a single generation, laid the corner stone and raised the roof-tree of as noble a charity as the world has ever seen. Fortunate, and deserving his good fortune, the humble man, who watched the cradle of American Odd-Fellowship, has lived long enough to see the full blaze of her greatness, and to

know that his services to her have made his name immortal. An association which has enjoyed so brilliant a career—whose short life has so flashed and sparkled with success—deserves to be watched over with vestal care. The common course of events has transferred the administration of the affairs of Odd-Fellowship from those who tended her infancy to a younger generation, reared in the splendor of her maturity. You, my brothers, drawn together from the ends of this Republic, are now the watchmen on her towers, the rulers in her palaces. Her destiny is with you. Her fortunes are in your hands. God grant that in these, your council chambers, wisdom and brotherly love may ever sit enthroned together.

An important part of my duty is to preside over the deliberations of this body. The chair of a presiding officer may be one of comparative pleasure and satisfaction, or one of incessant toil and trouble, as the body over which he presides may chance to be constituted. From you, Representatives, it is my privilege to claim the better fortune. You have been chosen from amid great numbers, and the mere fact of such a choice, by such bodies as you represent, proves your fitness for the seats of honor which you occupy. From you, I have, therefore, the right to expect, that whilst I am laboring to preserve the order and dignity of this Senate of Odd-Fellowship, you will be my zealous assistants. I am confident that you will not fail me. You will deserve the honor of whatever success may attend my labors in this hall. The grateful fruit of that success will, nevertheless, be shared between us.

The ceremonies attending the installation of officers being now closed, I declare the officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, for the ensuing term, installed into their several offices in ample form.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending when the hour arrived for installation, viz: the resolution of Rep. Barrows, of Miss., to print 1000 copies of the daily Journal, which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Dickson, of Del., it was ordered, that 2000 copies of the Grand Sire's address be published in pamphlet form, for distribution.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the Report of the G. Cor. Sec'y was referred to a special committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees. The Chair named Reps. Spooner, of Ohio; Moore, of D. C.; Hale, of N. Y., as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Towers, of D. of C., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved unanimously. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Sire HENRY R. KNEASS, for the dignity, courtesy and ability with which he has presided over its deliberations during the term of his official service, as Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved further. That the Grand Secretary cause a copy of the above resolution, properly attested, to be inserted in a Diploma, and presented to Past Grand Sire HENRY R. KNEASS.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and all matters connected with the private Work of the Order, be placed in the official keeping of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, during the present session, and that Representatives be allowed to consult with him in relation to the Work of the Order, and to examine said work.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved the following amendment to the Rules of Order, which was agreed to:

Art. 44. The report of no committee shall be acted upon on the day of its presentation, except the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be directed to distribute the daily printed proceedings and other printed documents *equally* among the members of the G. Lodge, and that all copies, except two to each representative, shall be folded in proper wrappers, for transmission by mail.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read, and under the new rule ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the communications of Past Grands John Cotterall and Thomas Clark, asking for the decision of this Grand Lodge, upon the legality of Art. 5th, Sec. 4th of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of Pennsylvania, would respectfully beg leave to suggest, that the subject more properly belongs to the Committee on the State of the Order, and would ask leave to have it so referred.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. MORTON,
GEORGE BROWN.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S.:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report:

That they have examined the constitution of Leon Lodge No. 5, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, and recommend the approval thereof. Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
W. A. MOFFETT.

Rep. Mott., of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S.:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report:

That they have examined the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Rhode Island, and recommend the approval of the same as corrected, by striking out all of the 2d section of article

1, except the first 2½ lines thereof; and the addition of the word "be——" in the 4th line of the 1st section of same article.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
JNO. J. DAVIES,
W. A. MOFFETT.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report:

That they have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, referred to them, being to Art. 3, Sec. 1; Art. 4, Sec. 6; Art. 5, Sec. 4; Art. 9, Sec. 1; Art. 10, Secs. 4, 5, and 6; and recommend their approval.

Your Committee have discovered a provision in the Constitution submitted, for the purpose of ascertaining the character of the amendments, which conflicts with the laws of this body, as adopted at its last annual session; they therefore recommend that the words "and there faithfully represent the interests and wishes of this Grand Encampment," from Art. 1, Sec. 6, be erased.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
JNO. J. DAVIES,
W. A. MOFFETT.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report:

That they have examined the two amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, referred to them, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. MOTT,
W. A. MOFFETT.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report:

That they have examined the five amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, submitted to them, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. MOTT,
W. A. MOFFETT.
JNO. J. DAVIES.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee to whom were referred sundry decisions made by the Most Worthy Grand Sire, as set forth in his annual report, beg leave to report:

That those decisions were made upon existing laws and usages of the Order, and, not calling for new legislation, are not properly before this committee. They therefore ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred various inquiries submitted by Representative Forbes, of Mo., beg leave to report: That all those questions are declaratory of the existing laws of the Order, and therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Rep. Cohen of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. States:

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Brunet, of Va., enquiring as to the utility of having the election of officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments made three months before the commencement of their respective terms, beg leave to report, that they deem legislation by this body inexpedient, and should be governed by local laws.

Respectfully submitted,
SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Olds, of Ohio, enquiring as to the propriety of requiring a brother to sign his name upon the margin of his travelling or final card in the presence of the officers of the body granting such card, beg leave to report that they regard further legislation thereon unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,
SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

On motion of Rep. Fritz of Pa. the rule of order requiring reports of committees to lay on the table for one day was suspended to

enable him to call up the report of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of Bro. Cottrel and others of Pa.

The report being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Fritz of Pa. it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy, it was ordered that one thousand copies of the Corresponding Secretary's report be printed for distribution.

Rep. Ellison of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal of Wachusett Encampment from a decision of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts be taken from the Committee on Appeals, and be referred to a special committee.

Rep. Treadway of Michigan, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold an evening session on Thursday Evening, Sept. 20, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of instruction in the Work of the Order.

Rep. Ballou, of Vt., moved the following resolution, which the chair ruled to be out of order:

Moved that the subject matter of the points decided by the G. Sire, as stated in his recent report, which was referred to the legislative committee, and by them reported back to this body, without an opinion, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved to suspend the rule of order, for the purpose of enabling him to call up the report of the Legislative Committee on the decisions of the Grand Sire during the recess.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved to amend the motion, by suspending the rule generally, pending the consideration of which the Grand Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes.

The Grand Lodge, having re-assembled, proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending, viz: the resolution of Rep. Askew, of Del.

Rep. Askew, of Del., asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the following amendment to the 44th rule of order, which was agreed to:

Provided, That subjects improperly referred may, without a suspension of this rule, be referred to the appropriate committee.

Rep. Olds, of Ohio, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio be so amended as to permit that Grand Body to determine from session to session where its next communication shall be held.

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution,

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., moved indefinitely to postpone the subject, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions recommend the restoration of the charter of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, at Alton, Illinois.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions recommend the dispensations granted by the G. Sire to D. D. G. S. James Thorington, of Iowa, to open Puckechuck Encampment, to be located at the City of Keokuck, Iowa, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be granted to the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee also recommend a confirmation of the dispensation granted by the G. Sire to open California Lodge, No. 1, located at San Francisco, in the territory of California, and that a charter be issued to the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee also recommend the Grand Lodge to confirm the dispensation granted by the Grand Sire to open Franklin Lodge, No. 6, located at Quincy, Florida, and that a charter be granted to said Lodge.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to a Special Committee:

Resolved, That a Convention of Past Grands be authorized and called to revise the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of U. S.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are hereby granted the power and privilege to so amend their Charters that they may determine from session to session where their next communication shall be held

P. G. S. Kennedy objected to the resolution, as in conflict with existing laws. The Chair ruled the resolution to be in order.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Silsby, of Ala., submitted the following, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, held in November, 1848, the constitution of that body was altered so that instead of holding two sessions per annum, there shall hereafter be but one, to wit: on the first Monday of February in each year.

The approval of the alteration is respectfully asked.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Legislative Committee to enquire and report upon the propriety of changing the rules, so that the installation of Grand Officers shall take place immediately after the reading of the Journal on the first day of the session.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Legislative Committee to report a plan by which the future legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States may be conducted by bill; and also to report the most expedient manner in which the existing laws may be reduced into the same form.

Rep. Burr, of N. C., moved the following inquiry:

Is a V. G. who by some event fills the chair of the N. G. to the end of a term, entitled to the honors of the station, without a previous election to that office?

Can he be elected to that office, without the service of one term in the V. G.'s chair, while there are any Past Grands belonging to the same Lodge?

Is it according to "Ancient Usage" for officers of Subordinate Lodges to wear Regalia, other than that of the Degree to which they have been respectively promoted?

Can a V. G. who occupies the chair of the N. G. temporarily wear the regalia of that officer?

If it is not proper for him to do so, what is the regalia of the acting V. G.?

On motion to refer the subject to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was resolved in the negative.

P. G. S. Kennedy, seconded by P. G. S. Kneass, who voted in the majority, moved to reconsider the vote just had, upon the proposition to refer the inquiry submitted by Rep. Burr, of N. C., to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was unanimously resolved in the affirmative: whereupon, the enquiry was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., moved the following as an additional by-law, which under the rule, was laid on the table for one day:

Resolved, That the following be added to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any resolution or enquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a State Grand Lodge or Encampment.

Rep. Marshall of Ky., submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Question.—Can a State Grand Lodge authorize subordinates under her jurisdiction to hold semi-monthly meetings? and if such authority be granted, does six months service in the chairs confer the honors of the office, or does it require twenty-six nights service?

Can a member of the Order holding a withdrawal card unexpired claim benefits as having been the proper length of time in fellowship upon joining the Order under a jurisdiction different from that granting the card?

Rep. Spooner of Ohio, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, to allot the several subjects therein embraced to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend:

That so much of said report as relates to the printing of the Journal of this body, the printing of an edition of Journals, vols. 1 and 2, the Digest and Lecture and Charge Books of the Order, be referred to the Committee on Printing.

That so much as relates to the Wildey fund and annuity, and the receipts for Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the restoration of the charter of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Illinois, and the warrants granted for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the binding of the proceedings of State Grand Bodies, be referred to the Committee on Printing.

That so much as relates to the Finances of this body, and claims against Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the failure of Lodges and Encampments to report within the specified time, be referred to the Committee on Returns.

THOS. SPOONER,
WM. W. MOORE,
JAS. W. HALE.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the rule was suspended, to enable the Grand Lodge to consider the report, whereupon it was considered and adopted.

Rep. Smith, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order to which was referred the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, presented by Rep. Spooner, in relation to an Annual Statistical Report of the state of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, report:

That Div. 1. Art. V, Sec. 1, of the Digest, prescribing the duties

of the Grand Secretary, now provides for such a report. The committee find that this duty of the Grand Secretary has been heretofore faithfully performed, and the tables published with the journals of the Grand Lodge. The committee report legislation inexpedient

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
JOHN H. MANLY,
JOHN W. STOKES.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred, for examination, the Constitutions of Frontier Lodge, No. 3, and Independent Lodge, No. 4, of the State of Arkansas, beg leave to report, that the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State of Arkansas has rendered the reference to this committee useless; the said Constitutions are therefore herewith respectfully returned.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB'T. MOTT,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

Rep. Mott, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report, that they have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB'T. MOTT,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

Rep. Hale, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a select committee of three, be appointed to obtain for this Grand Lodge the portrait of Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass.

The chair named Reps. Hale, of N. Y., Burr, of N. C., and Read, of N. J., as the committee.

Rep. Silsby, of Ala., submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

"By the alteration of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the terms of the present officers of that body will expire, without their having served a full year; it is respectfully asked that the honors of their respective offices may be accorded to them, nevertheless."

The chair named Rep. Marshall, of Ky., P. G. S. Hopkins and Rep. Torre, of S. C., as the special committee on the subject of authorizing a convention of P. G.'s, for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Garritt, of Ark., submitted the Constitution of the G. Lodge of Arkansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions

Rep. Treadway, of Mich., moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns this afternoon, it will adjourn to meet at half-past seven this evening.

The Chair named the following as the special committee on the matter of the appeal from the Grand Encampment of Mass.: Reps. DeSaussure, S. C., Askew, of Del., and Parker, of N. H.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

Amend article 8th of by-laws by adding the words: "except where the number of contributing members in said jurisdiction shall exceed 30,000.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee on Petitions recommend that the dispensations granted by the Grand Sire to open Rock Island Encampment, No. 12; Salem Encampment, No. 14; Wauponsie Encampment, No. 13; State of Illinois, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that charters be granted to the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Robt. H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. J. W. Newburgh, of Ohio, be allowed to visit this body during its present session.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Thacher Beal, of Massachusetts, be permitted to visit this Grand Lodge during the present session.

Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Grand Master Stuart and P. G. Lord, of the District of Columbia, be allowed to visit the Grand Lodge during the session.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. William M. Sink, of Delaware, be admitted as a visitor at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Marley, of Md., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Past Grands Keach, Bayley, Thayer, Hawkins and Bodder, of Md., be admitted to visit during the session.

Rep. Read, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G's Elwood and Connor, of N. Jersey, be admitted to witness the proceedings of this body.

Rep. Fritz, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Deputy Grand Master G. W. Morris, of Pa., be allowed to visit the Grand Lodge of the U. S. during its session.

Rep. Allen, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That J. Davis, James W. Fisher and P. G. Francisco, of Pa., be admitted to visit during the session.

Rep. Brunet, of Va., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Master Hugh Latham be admitted to witness the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Phillips, of Va., presented the credentials of Rep. W. W. Crump, of the Grand Lodge of Va., which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, report the certificate of the following Representative as in due form:

Grand Lodge of Virginia.—P. G. W. W. CRUMP, vice Wm. L. Boak, resigned. Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
JOHN SESSFORD, JR.,
B. F. ZIMMERMAN.

Rep. Anderson, of Ga., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the chair, to take into consideration the state of the Order in New York.

P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to amend the resolution, as follows:

Strike out "3" and insert "5." Strike out "the chair" and insert "by a ballot of the Grand Lodge"

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., moved the previous question, and the question being put "will the Lodge second the call?"

P. G. Sire Kennedy required the yeas and nays thereon, which appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes;) Brown, of N. H.; Brown, of Ind., (2 votes;) Burr, Brunet, Cohen, (2 votes;) Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Crump, Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes;) Follett, Garritt, Green, Knight, Lockwood, McDonald, Marshall, (2 votes;) Moffet, Mott, Olds, Parker, Phillips, Sanford, Strawbridge, Spooner, Theobald, Thomas, Treadway, Wakefield, Webster, Wood—41.

NAYS.—Allen, Askew, Davies, Dibblee, Dickson, Ellison, Fritz, Frost, (2 votes;) Forbes, Hale, Hunt, (2 votes;) Manly, Moore, Morton, Parmenter, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes;) Read, Sessford, Shaw, Stokes, Silsby, Smith, of Me., (2 votes;) Smith, of Del.; Taylor, Towers, Wakeley, Wilson, Wells, Zimmerman, (2 votes.) Past Grand Sires Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass—39.

So the Lodge seconded the motion for the previous question, which was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put:

"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Anderson, of Ga.?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Allen, Andrews, Anderson, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes;) Brown, of N. H.; Brown, of Ind., (2 votes;) Burr, Brunet, Cohen, Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Crump, Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes;) Ellison, Fritz, Follett, Garritt, Green, Knight, (2 votes;) Lockwood, McDonald, (2 votes;) Marshall, (2 votes;) Manly, Moffet, Mott, Olds, Parmenter, Parker, Phillips, Read, Sanford, Strawbridge, Spooner, Theobald, Thomas, Treadway, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster, Wood—50.

NAYS.—Askew, Davies, Dibblee, Dickson, Frost, (2 votes;) Forbes, Hale, Hunt, (2 votes;) Moore, Morton, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes;) Sessford, Shaw, Stokes, Silsby, Smith, of Me., (2 votes;) Smith, of Del., Taylor, Towers, Wilson, Wells, Zimmerman, (2 votes;) Past Grand Sires, Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass—32.

The Chair named Rep. Anderson, of Ga., Torre, of S. C., and Parmenter, of Mass., as the Committee provided for in the resolution.

On motion of Rep. Anderson, of Ga., leave was granted to the Committee to sit during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Davies of N. Y. gave notice that the Representatives of N. York would prepare and present a Protest, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York, against the vote had upon the resolution of Rep. Anderson, of Ga., appointing a Committee to take into consideration the State of the Order in New York.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Or-

der, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiries submitted by Rep. Strawbridge, of La., (page 1330) have considered the same and report:

That by the law of the Digest, (Sec. 4, Art. 4, Div. 3,) the manner of conferring the Subordinate Degrees is made a subject for local legislation.

To the second inquiry, the committee reply in the negative. The card is the rightful property of the brother by whom it is deposited, and unless accepted by the Lodge, should, as a matter of course, be returned to its owner.

The 3rd inquiry is a proper subject for regulation by the legislation of State Grand Lodges, or the by-laws of Subordinates.

The 4th inquiry is answered by the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, (page 1249 of the Journal,) as well as by the Digest, (Sec. 11, Art. 3, Div. 3.)

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiries of Rep. Potts, of Illinois, page 1400 have considered the subject, and report:

That the first question has already been answered by the legislation of the Grand Lodge at the last session.

In answer to the second enquiry, the committee reply in the affirmative, provided the lodge be nearest the place of such brother's residence, and the consent of the jurisdiction under which it exists be first obtained. Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiries of Rep. Barrows, of Miss., (page 1398) have considered the subject and report:

That a written resignation severs the connexion of a brother finally and entirely with the Order, provided he be in good standing in his Lodge at the time of such resignation; when a brother has so se-

parated himself from the Order, he is no longer in any respect subject to its jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry of Rep. Ballou, of Vt., (page 1400) have considered the subject, and report:

That the subject is regulated to a certain extent by the obligations and charges of the officers of subordinate lodges. Beyond this, it is within the custody of the legislation of the State Grand Lodges, and the by-laws of subordinates.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio in relation to the Subordinate Encampment Degrees, (page 1395)—also the resolution submitted by Rep. Dickson, of Del., (page 1398)—also the preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, (page 1400) report:

That the several subjects embraced therein do not come within the legitimate duties of this committee, and they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Allen, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. J. Wilson, of Pa., be admitted to visit this Grand Lodge during the session.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the Legislative Committee, made the following Report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Towers, of the District of Columbia, directing this committee to enquire into the expediency and propriety of fixing an uniform rate for depositing cards in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments,

and a uniform time at which members so depositing cards shall be entitled to certain benefits, beg leave to report, that they regard these subjects as peculiarly within the jurisdiction of the State Grand Bodies. Your committee, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following Report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Towers, of the D. of C., asking a change of the official term of Subordinate Lodges from six to three months, and also the resolution on the same subject, offered by Rep. Potts, of Illinois, beg leave to report: That they are opposed to the change, and therefore recommend that the existing laws should remain unaltered.

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred sundry resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut relative to the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report, that by reference to the Journal of the proceedings of this Body of the last year, (page 1290,) it will be found that a new Standing Committee, to be styled the Legislative Committee, should be appointed, "*to whom shall be referred all questions of new legislation.*" The resolutions referred to your Committee relate exclusively to the construction of the existing powers of this Body, upon which no new legislation is asked, and hence not properly before them. Your Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.

Rep. Stokes, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following Report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. Crane, of Mo., report that the local authorities are competent to determine such questions, and in most of the States

do so, and would therefore ask to be dismissed from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
JOHN H. MANLY.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Md., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. James M. Anderson, of Md., be permitted to witness the deliberations of this body.

The hour having arrived fixed for the special order of the day, being the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, page 1397 Journal, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of that subject.

The first question presented by that report was considered, being amendment to the Constitution, proposed at page 1198 Journal 1848, as follows:

"That Article 11th of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States be amended, by striking out the word "September," in the second line, and inserting in its place the word "July."

Rep. Parker, of N. H., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, Will the Grand Lodge adopt the amendment proposed to the Constitution? The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Brown, of Ind., (2 votes;) Burr, Crane, Dickson, Follett, Forbes, Green, Manly, Moffet, Olds, Treadway, P. G. Sire Kneass—13.

NAYS.—Allen, Andrews, Anderson, (2 votes;) Askew, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes;) Brown, of N. H.; Brunet, Clark, Currier, Crump, Davies, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes;) Dibblee, Ellison, Fritz, Frost, (2 votes;) Garritt, Hale, Knight, (2 votes;) Lockwood, McDonald, Marshall, (2 votes;) Moore, Morton, Mott, Parmenter, Parker, Peacock, Phillips, Read, Sanford, Sessford, Shaw, Stokes, Silsby, Strawbridge, Smith, of Me., (2 votes;) Smith, of Del.; Spooner, Taylor, Theobald, Thomas, Towers, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster, Wilson, Wells, Wood, Zimmerman, (2 votes;) P. G. Sires Kennedy, Hopkins—62.

So the Grand Lodge refused to adopt the amendment.

The next question presented by the Report, was considered, page 1290 Journal 1848; pending which, on motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the regular order was suspended, and the Lodge proceeded to consider the fifth proposition, reported by the Committee, viz: proposed amendment to the Constitution, page 1296 offered by Rep. Torre, of S. C., as follows:

P. G. Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote, collectively, on all questions arising before the Grand Lodge, provided the Grand Sires be not Representatives.

Rep. Towers, of D. of C. moved to amend the proposition as

follows: Add at the end thereof the following—"with the exception of P. G. Sire Wildey, who shall always be entitled to a single vote." The Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

Rep. Askew, of Del. moved indefinitely to postpone the subject.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved to lay the subject on the table, which last question, taking precedence under the rule of order, was considered and adopted. So the subject was laid on the table.

The next question presented by the Report of the Committee was considered, being the proposed amendment offered by Rep. Chapman, of Ohio, page 1236 Journal 1848, as follows:

Amend Article XII. by striking out the 4th paragraph, which is in these words:

"4th. Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, \$20 per annum for each rote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the subject was laid on the table.

The next question presented by the Report of the Committee was considered, being amendment proposed to Article XII. of Constitution as follows:

5. The expenses of Representatives and officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the said Grand Lodge. The said Grand Lodge shall allow to each such Representative and officer, five cents per mile, for each mile actually travelled by such said Representative or officer, in going to and returning from the said sessions; the distance to be computed so that it shall not exceed the number of miles of the United States Mail routes from the residence of the said Representative to the seat of government of this body. And there shall be also further allowed to the said Representatives and officers, three dollars per day during the session of the Grand Lodge—*Provided, however*, that nothing contained in this law shall be so construed as to allow to the salaried officers and Past Grand Sires any compensation whatever, in the form of travelling expenses or per diem allowance, for attending the sessions of this body.

A special tax shall be levied upon the several State Grand Lodges and Encampments, in ratio of the representation that they may be entitled to in this Grand Lodge; to be devoted exclusively to the payment of the expenses and allowances guaranteed by section 5, of this article. The said levy shall be made by the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for such sum as may be actually necessary to defray the contemplated expenses. The estimate of the sum necessary shall be based upon a computation of the distance from the seats of government of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments to the seat of government of this body, and for a session of the Grand Lodge of ten days.

The said estimate and levy shall be made on or before the first Monday of May, annually, and during that month the Grand Secretary shall notify the several Grand Lodges and Encampments, of the sum required from each, in conformity with this law.

7. That the following be, and is hereby established as the compensation to be allowed to the officers of this Grand Lodge:

1. M. W. Grand Sire—five cents per mile for the distance travelled by him on the business of the Grand Lodge, and three dollars per day when in attendance on the sessions of this body.

2. R. W. D. G. Sire—same as the Grand Sire.

3. R. W. Grand Secretary—twelve hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly, on his own receipt.

4. R. W. Grand Treasurer—two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly, on his own receipt.

5. R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Grand Guardian—five cents per mile distance travelled attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and three dollars per day during the session.

6. Grand Messenger—four hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly on his own receipt.

7. The salaries of the officers of this Grand Lodge shall not be increased or decreased during the term of an officer.

Sec. 8. All printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States to State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall be sold them at an advance on the actual cost of such article of not exceeding ten per cent

Rep. Davies, of N. Y. asked a division of the question presented by the proposed amendment.

P. G. S. Kneass raised a point of order, "That the amendment proposed was indivisible, and that the proposition must be considered as one entirety."

The Chair decided that the question was divisible, and the question being on the first branch of the same, to wit, from figure 5, of proposed amendment, to figure 7, inclusive, Rep. Davies asked and obtained leave to withdraw his call for a division, whereupon Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, renewed the call for a division of the question on the proposed amendment, and the question being upon the first branch of the proposition to amend,

Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, asked a further division of the question, by taking up the first sentence of the proposition as follows:

"The expenses of Representatives and Officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are given,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge."

And the question then being on the first sentence of the proposed amendment, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Anderson, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes;) Brown, of N. H., Brown of Ind., (2 votes;) Burr, Brunet, Cohen, Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Crump, DeSaussure, (2 votes;) Follett, Forbes, Garritt, Green, Knight, (2 votes;) Lockwood, McDonald, Marshall, (2 votes;) Manly, Moffet, Morton, Mott, Olds, Parker, Peacock, Phillips, Potts, (2 votes;) Read, Sanford, Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, Smith, of Me., (2 votes;) Spooner, Theobald, Treadway, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster, Wilson, Wood—53.

NAYS.—Allen, Askew, Cole, Davies, Dibblee, Dickson, Ellison, Fritz, Frost, Hale, Hunt, Marley, Parmenter, Sessford, (2 votes;) Stokes, Smith, of Del.; Taylor, Tewksbury, Towers, Wells, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Wildey, Hopkins, Kneass—25.

So that two-thirds having voted for the amendment, it was adopted, and forms a part of the Constitution.

The question then recurring on the second division of the question asked for, as follows:

"The said Grand Lodge shall allow to each such Representative and Officer five cents per mile for each mile actually travelled by

such said Representative or Officer in going to and returning from said sessions; the distance to be computed so that it shall not exceed the number of miles of the United States Mail routes from the residence of the said Representative to the seat of government of this body. And there shall be also further allowed to the Representatives and Officers three dollars per day during the session of the Grand Lodge: Provided, however, that nothing contained in this law shall be so construed as to allow to the salaried officers and Past Grand Sires any compensation whatever, in the form of travelling expenses or per diem allowance, for attending the sessions of this body."

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to lay the division of the proposed amendment under consideration on the table, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the third and fourth paragraphs of the proposed amendment, beginning with the words "*a special tax,*" and ending with the words "*with this law.*"

Rep. Parmenter, of Mass., moved to lay this division of the proposed amendment on the table, which was agreed to.

The question recurred on the next division of the proposed amendment, being from figure 7 to figure 8, exclusive, which being under consideration, was, on motion of P. G. S. Kennedy, laid on the table.

The question then recurred on section 8, being the last division of the proposed amendment.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the subject under consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The next question presented by the report of the committee, page 1273, Journal 1848, being proposed amendment to the by-laws, art. 15, relating to the Regalia of the Order, was considered, and on motion of Rep. Barrows, of Miss., indefinitely postponed.

The next question presented by the report of the committee was considered, being a proposed amendment to the Digest, page 1238 Journal 1848, as follows:

Sec. 6. All printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States to State Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be sold them at an advance on the actual cost of such article of not exceeding _____ per cent.

Resolved, That the clause, "*Nor can they lawfully enter into correspondence with each other, without the consent and approval of their Grand Lodges,*" in Sec. 3, Art. III, Division 3 of the Digest, be and it is hereby repealed.

A division of the question being called for, and the question being on the first branch of the proposition, (sec. 6,) it was, on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, indefinitely postponed.

The question recurring on the second branch of the proposition, relating to correspondence between Lodges, Rep. Smith, of Me., moved its indefinite postponement, which was not agreed to; and the proposed amendment to the Digest was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Torre, of S. C., the Lodge agreed to suspend the regular order of proceeding, in considering the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, when, on his further motion, the

question presented in the report of that committee, at page 1299 Journal 1848, being a proposed amendment to the 12th Rule of Order, was taken up, considered and ordered again to lie on the table.

The next question presented by the report of the committee was considered, being proposed amendment to By-Laws, page 1294, Journal 1848, which, on motion of Rep. Parker, of N. H., was indefinitely postponed.

The next question presented by the report of the committee was considered, being a series of resolutions proposed by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, page 1190 Journal 1848, which, on motion of Rep. Mott, of La., was indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Anderson, Askew, Ballou, Brown, of Ind.; (two votes;) Burr, Cohen, Cole, Crane, Davies, DeSaussure, (two votes;) Dickson, Ellison, Fritz, Frost, Forbes, Garritt, Hale, Hunt, Marley, Manly, Moffet, Moore, Morton, Mott, Parmenter, Peacock, Potts, (two votes,) Read, Sessford, Shaw, Stokes, (two votes;) Silsby, Strawbridge, Smith, of Me., (two votes;) Smith, of Del.; Taylor, (two votes,) Tewksbury, Theobald, Towers, Wilson, Wood, Zimmerman, Past Grand Sires, Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass—53.

NAYS.—Barrows, (two votes,) Brown, Brunet, Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crump, Follett, Green, Knight, (two votes,) Lockwood, (two votes;) McDonald, Marshall, (two votes;) Olds, Parker, Phillips, Sanford, Spooner, Treadway, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster—26.

Rep. Davies, of N. Y., submitted the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Representatives in this body from the State of New York respectfully protest against the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in ordering and appointing a committee "to take into consideration the state of the Order in New York;" inasmuch as neither the Grand Lodge nor Grand Encampment of the State of New York, or their Representatives, have brought any subject before this R. W. Body requiring the action of this Grand Lodge, or of a committee thereof; such action being utterly destructive to all the powers vested in State Grand Lodges, to all the rights of state jurisdiction, and an interference with the rights guaranteed by their Constitutions, approved by this R. W. Body, and by their valid and unreclaimed Charters.

JNO. J. DAVIES,
JAS. W. HALE,
JOSEPH R. TAYLOR.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., asked and obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the session, for his colleague, Rep. Thomas, of Conn.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., presented the following proceeding of the G. Camp, of Miss., which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That we do recommend our late Grand Patriarch, C. S. Magoon, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. O. F. to receive all the honors to which he would have been entitled if he had filled the office of Grand Patriarch for the whole term.

Rep. Follet, of Mich., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns this afternoon, it will adjourn to meet again at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock this evening.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee on printing and Grand Secretary be instructed to report to this Grand Lodge the cost of the Lecture and Charge Books of the Order, the Journals of the body, the Digest, Cards and Odes—and to report the proper prices that should be charged for the same.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report, that they have opened and examined the proposals for Printing the Journal of the present Session. Offers to do the work have been received from two offices in the city of Baltimore and one in Philadelphia. The proposals of Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, being the most favorable, the Committee recommend that they be authorized to accept the terms therein offered, and enter into a contract for the faithful execution of the work.

WM. W. MOORE,
F. S. GARRITT.
W. M. ALLEN.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions recommend the warrant, issued by the Grand Sire to D. D. G. S. John G. Potts, to open Minesota Lodge, No. 1, located at Stillwater, Minnesota, be confirmed, and that a charter be granted to the same.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions recommend the warrant issued by the Grand Sire to restore the charter of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, located at New Albany, Indiana, be confirmed.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition to accord to the present Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alabama the honors of their offices, which, by an alteration of their Constitution, will expire without their having served a full year, respectfully report, that they are of opinion that the grant is unnecessary, as the power rests with the Grand Lodge of Alabama; nevertheless, as the request has been made, the undersigned recommend that it be granted.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby instructed to prepare a law or system for carrying into effect the provisions of the amendment of the constitution of this Grand Lodge to Art. XII, by which the expenses of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge are to be paid.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on this subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, Massachusetts, report:

That the memorial is an appeal from the action of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, upon the following case:

Under the 30th Article of the By-Laws, directing State Grand Bodies to provide laws prohibiting the initiation of persons at places remote from their permanent residence, the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts adopted a law prohibiting the subordinate encampments from initiating persons whose residences are nearer other encampments, unless with the consent of such encampment. Certain brothers being desirous of elevation in the Patriarchal degrees, for the purpose of petitioning for an encampment to be located at Northampton, were elevated by encampments located in Boston, (their permanent residences being nearer to the location of Wachusett Encampment,) under dispensation granted by the Grand Patriarch. At a meeting of the Grand Encampment subsequently held, the dispensation granted by the Grand Patriarch was approved and confirmed. An appeal was taken by Wachusett Encampment to the Grand Encampment, upon the ground that the law adopted by the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts prohibiting initiation of persons at places remote from their residences had been violated. This appeal has been decided by the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts adversely to the appeal, and from this decision the memorialists appeal to this body, with the permission of the State Grand Body.

The 30th Article of the By-Laws is directory, and the interpretation of the laws passed by the State Grand Bodies in conformity to

the Article appropriately belongs to the bodies passing such laws. Such interpretation has been placed upon its law by the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, and the decision should be final. The Committee recommend the adoption of the appended resolution.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
H. F. ASKEW,
J. H. PARKER.

Resolved, That the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Rep. Silsby, of Ala., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary has been placed in their hands for examination. The committee find that all matters mentioned in the correspondence have been duly attended to or referred to appropriate committees.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. SILSBY,
L. A. THOMAS,
E. WAKELEY.

P. G. Sire Hopkins, from the Committee on that subject, made the following report with the accompanying resolutions, which were laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed at the session of 1848, with instructions to prepare and report at this session a form of a uniform Constitution for all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under its jurisdiction, respectfully report:

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and herewith present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge a form of Constitution for all Grand Lodges, also a form of Constitution for all Grand Encampments, which are respectfully submitted with the following resolutions.

H. HOPKINS,
Z. B. GLAZIER,
JAS. L. RIDGELY.

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed uniform Constitutions be deferred until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed ——— copies of the proposed uniform Constitutions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and that he furnish each Grand Lodge with ——— copies of the proposed Constitution for Grand Lodges, and each Grand Encampment with ——— copies of the proposed Constitution for Grand Encampments.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS The Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, possessing original and exclusive jurisdiction, and being the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States, and Continent of North America, for the purpose of extending the principles of universal benevolence, friendship and philanthropy, and to secure to the human family the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial an

Institution, did order and direct that a Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows should be opened and established in each State of the Union, and by its warrant did grant to each Grand Lodge, so established, power and authority, as the Supreme Head of the Order within its jurisdiction; subject, however, to the superintending power and authority, and to the control of the Grand Lodge of the United States. And whereas, for the purpose of producing uniformity, to insure a co-operation of action, and to provide for the best interests of the Order, the Grand Lodge of the United States has judged proper that there should be a uniform Constitution for the proper government of all Grand Lodges, which have been or which may hereafter be opened and established by its authority, and under its jurisdiction. Therefore, at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, on the — day of September, A. D. 1849, the following Constitution has been made, approved and adopted; and it has been ordered and directed that the same shall be the Constitution by which all Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction shall hereafter be governed, viz:

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION.

Members.—The members of the Grand Lodge shall consist of all Past Grands whose certificates have been heretofore received, and who have been admitted, and continue members in good standing—and of such P. G.'s who shall produce a certificate from the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, duly certifying that such P. G. is a member in good standing; that he has taken the first, second, third, fourth and fifth degrees of the Order; and that he has been duly elected to, and has served one elective term in the office of N. G. in said Lodge, (or in some other Lodge in full connection with the Order,) in a satisfactory manner; and that such Subordinate Lodge declare him entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge, which certificate shall be under the seal of the Subordinate Lodge, attested by the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary thereof. This certificate, when received, shall be entered on record in the Grand Lodge, and by virtue thereof the applicant shall be admitted to membership in due form, and with the usual ceremonies, after examination by the proper officers. When admitted, his name shall be enrolled amongst the list of members, and he shall be entitled to the rank and privileges appertaining to the members of the Grand Lodge.

Officers.—The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz: The M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States; all of whom shall be elected at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, by ballot, at which election each member of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to vote.

The R. W. G. Representatives shall hold office for two years, and should the Grand Lodge be entitled to two representatives, one shall be elected each year.

The other elective officers shall hold office for one year, and shall continue to perform duty until their successors are duly installed.

The officers elect shall be installed by a P. G. M., in the form and with the solemnities required by the rules and regulations of the Order.

The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master,

viz. W. Grand Herald; W. Grand Guardian; W. Grand Marshal, and W. Grand Conductor. And by and with the consent of the legislative members of the Grand Lodge, a D. D. G. Master for each District into which the state shall be divided, whose Past Grands shall have neglected or refused to elect a D. D. G. M. And in case of a vacancy in such office, from any cause, he shall appoint a D. D. G. M. to fill such vacancy—subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, at its next quarterly or annual session, whichever shall first occur

Revenue.—The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz: For fees for each charter or warrant to open a Subordinate Lodge, the sum of thirty dollars.

For fee for each dispensation to initiate a brother, the sum of three dollars.

Fees for dispensation for each degree or term of service allowed, two dollars.

The Grand Lodge shall have power to increase those fees as it shall judge proper, at its annual sessions.

The per centage to be paid by each Subordinate Lodge upon the amount of its receipts shall be fixed by the Grand Lodge at its annual sessions. Until so fixed, the per centage to be collected as heretofore.

Revenue may also be collected from such other sources as the G. Lodge shall, at its annual session, from time to time determine.

Meetings.—There shall be *four* regular sessions of the G. Lodge in each year. One shall be held in the month of July, and shall be called the *annual* session. The others shall be held in the months of January, April and October, and shall be called *quarterly* sessions, the day and time for the meeting of each session, shall be fixed by the by-laws; the place shall be that designated by the charter.

Special sessions may be held on the call of the Grand Master.

For the transaction of business, it shall require the attendance of a *quorum* of members. The number necessary to constitute a *quorum* shall be fixed and determined by the by-laws.

The *legislative* business of the Grand Lodge shall be done and performed at the annual session thereof, and shall be transacted by representatives elected as is hereinafter provided.

Each member of the G. Lodge shall be permitted to attend the annual sessions, but none except the representatives shall be permitted to speak or vote on legislative business.

All other business necessary to be attended to at the annual, quarterly or special sessions, shall be transacted by the general members, each being entitled to speak and voted thereon.

The Annual Session shall commence on the day and time fixed by the By-Laws, and shall continue from day to day, until the entire business of the session shall be disposed of.

The business of the Annual Session shall be proceeded with in the following order, viz:

1. The G. Secretary shall present the certificates of the representatives claiming seats, which shall be referred to a Committee on

Credentials, which shall be appointed by the G. M. from the Past Grands present, who shall examine and report thereon. If the committee report the certificate to be correct, the representative shall be received and acknowledged; if the committee report the certificate to be incorrect, or if the seat of the representative shall be contested, the same shall be referred to the Committee on Election and Returns.

2. The certificates for membership received, read and acted on.

3. Report of the G. M. upon the state and condition of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, since the last Annual Session.

4. Nomination for and election of officers for the Grand Lodge

5. Installation of the officers elect.

6. Minutes of the Stated and Special Sessions read and acted on.

7. Minutes of the last Annual Session read.

8. Appointment by the G. M. of all Standing Committees.

9. Reports of Committees received and acted on.

10. Amendments to, or alterations of the Constitution or Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges, which shall have been prepared at a previous Stated Session, considered and disposed of.

11. New By-Laws or amendments acted on, provided the same shall have been prepared at a previous day.

12. All other legislative business of the session shall be proceeded with and determined, on the call of any five representatives. The vote on any legislative business shall be taken by ayes and nays, and the votes, as given, shall be recorded and printed in the minutes. Each representative shall, on all questions, be entitled to *one* vote—and if the number of members belonging to the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member shall exceed *one* hundred—to *one* additional vote for each additional *fifty* members thereof. The number of votes to which each representative shall be entitled, shall be regulated and determined by the number of members in good standing, certified to the Grand Lodge by the last semi-annual report of his Subordinate Lodge.

13. The amount of per centage to be paid by Subordinate Lodges shall be fixed and determined, and all needful appropriations for the support of the Grand Lodge during the ensuing year, shall be made.

14. All other Legislative business requiring attention shall be attended to.

The *Quarterly* Sessions shall be held at the time appointed, and when a quorum shall be present the G. Lodge shall proceed to the transaction of all business requiring attention. A correct record of its transactions shall be kept by the G. Secretary.

The *Special* Sessions shall be held at the time fixed by the Grand Master, in his call therefor. At these sessions no business shall be transacted except that which is mentioned in the call as the object of the meeting.

No Legislative business shall be transacted at the quarterly or special sessions, nor can any appropriation or expenditure of the funds of the G. Lodge be made, except the same shall have been authorized by the appropriations made at the annual session of the Grand Lodge preceding.

No brother shall be eligible to the office of D. D. G. Master, except he be a P. G. in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, and has received the five first degrees of the Order, together with the degrees of P. S., P. V. G. and P. G., and admitted a member of the Grand Lodge.

No brother shall be eligible to office in the Grand Lodge, either elective or appointed, (except the D. D. G. M.) until one year after his admission to membership therein, nor unless he shall have received the degree of P. S., P. V. G. and P. G.

Vacancies in any appointed office, either by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the G. M. Similar vacancies in any of the elective offices shall be filled by a new election, at the quarterly session next succeeding such vacancy. In which case, the appointed or elected officer, shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the original incumbent was elected or appointed, and he shall be entitled to the honors of the office.

The several officers shall have and exercise all the power and authority vested in them, and do and perform all the duties required of them by the charges, rules and regulations of the Order, and such other duty as shall be required by the By-Laws, or by the resolution of the Grand Lodge.

Representatives to the Annual Session.—The Representatives to the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge shall be elected as follows, viz:

On the day and time appointed for the semi-annual election of officers of Subordinate Lodges, in June, in each year, the Past Grands entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge shall assemble in the lodge room of the sub-lodge of which they are members, and elect, by ballot, a Representative to the Grand Lodge, to serve for the ensuing year. The P. G. so elected shall be furnished with a certificate of his election, under the seal of the sub-lodge, attested by the signature of the N. G. and Secretary thereof.

To entitle a P. G. to be elected a representative to the Grand Lodge, he must be a member of such sub-lodge, in good standing. Before taking his seat in the Grand Lodge (if not previously a member thereof,) he must be duly admitted and qualified as a member of the Grand Lodge.

Each representative attending the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Grand Lodge such compensation for his travelling and other expenses as shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which sum shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer upon the order of the Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Secretary.

Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the Annual Session, to serve for the ensuing year:

Committee of Finance to consist of	3 members.
" of Correspondence of	3 "
" of Election and Returns of	3 "
" on the State of the Order of	3 "
" on Printing and Publication of	3 "

The Committee on Election and Returns, and on the State of the Order, shall be appointed from the Representative members. The other Committees, from the Past Grand members of the Grand Lodge.

Other Standing Committees may be provided for by the By-Laws, and unless therein provided, shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

Subordinate Lodges.—The Grand Lodge, at its Annual Session, shall prepare a Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of all sub-lodges working under its warrant, and subject to its jurisdiction, which shall be furnished to each sub-lodge, which now is, or hereafter may be, established by the Grand Lodge; which Constitution and Rules of Order shall be the law by which each sub-lodge shall be governed in the transaction of its business, except so far as relates to the financial department thereof, in relation to which, each sub-lodge shall have power to make By-Laws as in its wisdom it shall judge proper, which By-Laws it shall alter and amend at pleasure.

D. D. G. Masters.—At the semi-annual election in June of each year, the Past Grands of each Subordinate Lodge in the district to which his lodge is attached, (except in the district in which the G. Master or D. G. Master shall reside,) shall assemble in the lodge-room of the Subordinate Lodge of which they are members, and cast their votes by ballot for a D. D. G. Master for that district, to serve for one year. A return of such election, stating the number of votes cast and for whom given, shall be made to the Grand Secretary, which return shall be under the seal of the Subordinate Lodge, attested by the signature of the Noble Grand and Secretary thereof. At the annual session the Grand Secretary shall present all such returns to the Grand Lodge, which shall be referred to the Committee on Election Returns, who shall examine and report who has received the highest number of votes for D. D. G. Master in his district. If duly qualified, said Past Grand shall receive a commission appointing him to the office of D. D. G. Master for one year, which commission shall be under the seal of the Grand Lodge, attested by the signature of the Grand Master and Secretary.

Provided that upon the neglect or refusal of the Past Grands in any district to elect a D. D. G. Master, or where one has been elected, and the office has afterwards for any cause become vacant, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to appoint a successor to fill such vacancy.

By-Laws.—At the annual session following the adoption of this Constitution, the Grand Lodge shall make and enact By-Laws and Rules of Order in conformity thereto, and in accordance with the rules, regulations and instructions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless a proposition for said repeal, alteration or amendment shall be presented in writing at a stated, special or annual session, the same shall be considered in annual session, and if agreed to by two-thirds

of the members present entitled to transact legislative business, shall be declared adopted.

Alteration or Amendment of this Constitution.—Each G. Lodge may, by its representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, prefer, in writing, amendments or alterations of this Constitution, which, if seconded by a representative from some other Grand Lodge, shall be entered on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Such amendment shall lay on the table for one day, and may be acted upon at a time to be fixed by the Grand Lodge of the United States. The votes thereon shall be taken by States; if agreed to by two-thirds of the lodges and encampments represented, such amendments or amendment shall be declared adopted, and therefrom shall be taken and considered as part of the Constitution for Grand Lodges.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. of O. F., possessing original and exclusive jurisdiction, and being the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States and continent of North America, for the purpose of extending the principles of universal benevolence, friendship and philanthropy, and to secure to the human family the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial an institution, did order and direct that a Grand Encampment of Patriarchs of the I. O. of O. F. should be opened and established in each state of the union; and by its warrant did grant to each Grand Encampment power and authority, as the supreme head of the patriarchal branch of the Order within its jurisdiction; subject, however, to the superintending power and control of the Grand Lodge of the United States. And whereas, for the purpose of producing uniformity, to insure a co-operation of action, and to provide for the best interest of the Order, the Grand Lodge of the United States has judged proper that there should be a uniform Constitution for the proper government of all Grand Encampments which have been, or which may hereafter be opened and established by its authority, and under its jurisdiction.

Therefore, at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the City of Baltimore, on the — of September, A. D. 1849, the following Constitution has been made, adopted and approved; and it has been ordered and directed that it shall be the Constitution by which all Grand Encampments under its jurisdiction shall be governed, viz :

GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONSTITUTION.

Members.—The members of the Grand Encampment shall consist of all Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests, whose certificates have been heretofore received, and who have been admitted, and continue members of good standing; and of said P. C. P's, (and if the By-Laws to be enacted shall so provide of such P. H. P's,) who shall produce a certificate from the Subordinate Encampment of which he is a member, duly certifying that he has been elected to, and has served in the office of C. P. or of H. P. one elective term, and that the said Encampment declare him entitled to membership in the Grand Encampment, which certificate shall be under the seal of the Sub. Encampment, attested by the signatures of the C. P. and Scribe thereof. This certificate, when received, shall be entered on record in the Grand Encampment, and by virtue thereof the Patriarch shall be admitted to membership in due form, and with the usual ceremonies.

Officers.—The officers of the Grand Encampment shall be as follows, viz :

The Grand Patriarch,	The Grand High Priest,
“ “ Senior Warden,	“ “ Junior Warden,
“ “ Scribe,	“ “ Treasurer,
“ “ Rep’s to G. L. U. S.,	“ “ Sentinel,
and Grand Outside Sentinel.	

All of whom shall be elected at the Annual Session, by ballot, at which election each member of the Grand Encampment shall be entitled to vote.

No Patriarch shall be eligible to office except he shall be a P. C. P., and have been a member of the Grand Encampment for one year previous to the election.

The Grand Reps. shall hold office for two years, and should the Grand Encampment be entitled to two Grand Reps., one shall be elected each year.

The other officers shall be installed by a Past Grand Patriarch, with the solemnities required by the rules and regulations of the Order. They shall hold office for one year, and continue to perform duty until their successors are duly installed.

At the Annual Session at which he has been elected, the G. P. shall appoint, subject to the approval of the legislative members of the Grand Encampment then present, a D. D. G. Patriarch for each district, which have been or shall be at such session established.

He shall also appoint, subject to similar approval, all the Standing Committees.

He shall, from time to time, appoint all other Committees, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for. The several officers shall have and exercise all the power and authority vested in them, and do and perform all the duties required of them by the charges, rules and regulations of the Order, and such other duty as shall be required by the By-Laws or a resolution of the Grand Encampment. Vacancies in any appointed office, either by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the G. P. Similar vacancies in any elective office shall be filled by a new election, at the quarterly session next succeeding such vacancy. In each case, the appointed or elected officer shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the original incumbent was elected or appointed, and he shall be entitled to the honors of the office.

Revenue.—The revenue of the Grand Encampment shall be as follows:

Fees for each charter or warrant to open a Subordinate Encampment, the sum of thirty dollars.

Fees for each dispensation to initiate a patriarch, three dollars.

Fees for dispensation for each degree, one dollar.

The Grand Encampment shall have power to increase these fees as it shall judge proper, at its Annual Sessions.

The per centage to be paid by each Subordinate Encampment,

upon the amount of its benefits, the amount whereof shall be fixed by the Grand Encampment at its Annual Sessions; until so fixed, the per centage to be collected shall be as heretofore. Revenue may also be collected from such other sources as the Grand Encampment shall at its Annual Sessions, from time to time, determine.

Meetings.—There shall be four regular sessions of the Grand Encampment in each year, one of which shall be held in the month of July, and be called the Annual Session; the others shall be held in the months of January, April and October, and shall be called the Quarterly Sessions. The day and time for the meeting of each session shall be fixed by the By-Laws; the place shall be that designated by the charter.

Special Sessions may be held on the call of the G. P. For the transaction of business, it shall require the attendance of a quorum of members. The number necessary to constitute a quorum shall be fixed and determined by the By-Laws.

The legislative business of the Grand Encampment shall be done and performed at the Annual Sessions thereof, and shall be transacted by representatives elected as is hereinafter provided.

Each member of the Grand Encampment shall be permitted to attend the Annual Session, but none except the representatives shall be permitted to speak or vote on legislative business.

All other business necessary to be attended to at the Annual, Quarterly or Special Sessions, shall be transacted by the general members of the Grand Encampment, each member being entitled to speak or vote thereon.

The Annual Session shall commence on the day and time fixed by the By-Laws, and shall continue from day to day till the entire business of the session shall be concluded.

The business of the Annual Session shall be proceeded with in the following order, viz:

1. The Grand Scribe shall present the certificates of Representatives claiming seats, which shall be referred to a Committee on Credentials, who shall be appointed by the G. P. from the members present, who shall examine and report thereon. If the committee shall report the certificate to be correct, the representative shall be received and acknowledged. If the committee report the certificate incorrect, or if the seat of the representative shall be contested, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

2. The certificates for membership received, read, and acted upon.

3. Report of the G. P. upon the state and condition of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments, since the last annual session.

4. Nomination for, and election of officers of the Grand Encampment.

5. Installation of officers elect.

6. Minutes of the stated and special session read and acted on.

7. Minutes of the last annual session read.

3. Appointment by the G. P. of all standing committees.

9. Reports of committees received and acted on.

10. Amendments to, or alterations of the constitution or rules of order for Subordinate Encampments, which shall have been proposed at a previous stated session, shall be considered and disposed of.

11. New or amendments to existing By-Laws acted on, provided the same shall have been proposed at a previous day.

12. All other legislative business of the session shall be proceeded with and determined on.

13. Amount of per centage to be paid by Subordinate Encampments shall be fixed and determined—and all needful appropriations for the support of the Grand Encampment during the ensuing year shall be made.

The *quarterly session* shall be held at the time appointed by the By-Laws; when a quorum shall be present, the Grand Encampment shall proceed to the transaction of all business requiring attention. A correct record of its transactions shall be kept by the Grand Scribe.

The *special session* shall be held at the time fixed by the G. P. in his call therefor. At these sessions no business shall be transacted except that which is mentioned in the call as the objects of the meeting.

No legislative business shall be transacted at the quarterly or special sessions—nor can any appropriation or expenditure of the funds of the Grand Encampment be made, except the same shall have been authorized by the appropriation made at the annual sessions of the Grand Encampment preceding.

Representatives to Annual Sessions.—The representatives to the annual sessions of the Grand Encampment shall be elected as follows, viz: On the day and time appointed for the semi-annual election of officers of Subordinate Encampments in June of each year, the P. C. P's and P. H. P's entitled to membership in the Grand Encampments, shall assemble in the Encampment room of the Subordinate Encampment of which they are members, and elect by ballot a representative to the Grand Encampment, to serve for one year. The Patriarch so elected shall be furnished with a certificate of his election, under the seal of the Subordinate Encampment, attested by the signatures of the C. P. and Scribe thereof.

To entitle a Patriarch to be elected representative to the G. Encampment, he must be a Past C. P. and a member of such Subordinate Encampment in good standing before taking his seat in the Grand Encampment; if not previously a member, he must be duly admitted and qualified as a member of the Grand Encampment. Each representative attending the annual session of the Grand Encampment shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the G. Encampment, such compensation for his travelling and other expenses as shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Encampment, which

sum shall be paid by the Treasurer upon the order of the G. P. attested by the G. Scribe.

Standing Committees.—The following standing committees shall be appointed at the annual sessions to serve for the ensuing year, viz: Committee of Finance, to consist of 3 members.

" " Correspondence, to consist of 3 members.

" " Election Returns, to consist of 3 members.

" " On the State of the Order, to consist of 3 members.

" " On Printing and Publication, to consist of 3 members.

Other standing committees may be provided for by the By-Laws, and unless otherwise provided for, shall be appointed by the Grand Patriarch.

Subordinate Encampments.—The G. E. shall at its annual session prepare a Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of all Subordinate Encampments working under its warrant and subject to its jurisdiction, which shall be furnished to each Subordinate Encampment which now is, or hereafter may be established by the Grand Encampment; which Constitution and Rules of Order shall be the law by which each Subordinate Encampment shall be governed in the transaction of its business, except so far as relates to the financial department thereof, in relation to which each Subordinate Encampment shall have power to make By-Laws, as in their wisdom they shall judge, but which By-Laws they may alter and amend at pleasure.

By-Laws.—At the annual session, following the adoption of this Constitution, the Grand Encampment shall make and enact By-Laws and Rules of Order in conformity thereto—and in accordance with the rules, regulations and instructions of the Grand Lodge of the United States—which shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless a proposition for such repeal, alteration or amendment, shall be presented in writing, at a stated, special or annual session; the same shall be considered in annual session, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the members present entitled to transact legislative business, shall be declared adopted.

Alteration of this Constitution.—Each G. E. may by its representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, propose in writing amendments to this constitution, which, if seconded by a representative from some other G. E., shall be entered on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Such amendments shall lay on the table for one day, and may be acted upon at a time to be fixed by the Grand Lodge of the United States—and the votes thereon shall be taken by states; if agreed to by two-thirds of the lodges and encampments present, such amendment or amendments shall be declared adopted, and therefrom shall be taken and considered as part of the constitution of Grand Encampments.

Rep. Manly, of N. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the enquiries of Rep. Burr, of North Carolina, (page 1401 of proceedings,) ask leave to report, that the manner of electing or appointing Grand Representatives to G. L. of U. S. has been left to state legislation, and the State Grand Lodges may in the event of a vacancy vest the power of appointing their Grand Representatives in their officers, at their discretion. But this Grand Lodge recognizes no such officer as Grand Alternate Representative, nor can any one be admitted as Representative in full to this Grand Lodge without presenting "all the forms of authentication known to the laws."

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
JNO. H. MANLY.

Rep. Manly, of N. C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiries of Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, to wit: "Whether it is competent for a Subordinate to receive on deposit a card of clearance for membership, which card purports to be from a Lodge without the jurisdiction to which membership is sought, and at the time the card is sought to be deposited the Lodge are in possession of a notice from the Grand Lodge of the suspension and expulsion of the Lodge granting the card, although at the time of the granting of said card the said Lodge was not under such disability." "Also, as it regards visiting cards, under the same circumstances?" have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report, That it is competent for a Subordinate Lodge to receive, on deposit, said card of clearance, if, at the time it was granted, the Lodge labored under no disability, a card of clearance relating alone to the past. The rule must be otherwise as to visiting cards, which speak in the present of the connection of the bearer, whose right, undoubtedly, expires with his Lodge. (Dig. page 36, sec. 4.)

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
JNO. H. MANLY.

Rep. Manly, from the same committee, made the following report which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, as to the propriety of initiating into the Order individuals deprived of sight, report:

That under no circumstances would it be expedient to initiate into the Order members who could not, from natural infirmity, rigidly comply with the obligations which all Odd-Fellows take upon connecting themselves with the Fraternity. The committee will pre-

sume to add in this connection, that neither the totally deaf, dumb nor blind can be initiated into the Order, for the very obvious reasons that they cannot reciprocate, without danger of exposure, the means by which we recognize each other, by day and by night, and the usual formalities in and out of Lodges—Therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is not expedient to initiate into the Order any member deprived of the senses of sight or hearing, or the power of speech.

W. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, to be found on page 1395 of the present Journal, respectfully report that they are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to grant a special donation from the treasury of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of erecting a Hall at Honolulu; but would most respectfully and earnestly urge before the Order generally a favorable response to the spirit of the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge last session (page 1259) upon this same subject.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL READ,
W. W. DIBBLEE,
WM. A. WELLS.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the enquiries of Rep. Mott, of La., (page 1401,) have considered the subject, and report:

A permanent card recommends the brother holding it to the friendship and protection of Lodges within the jurisdiction for the term of one year. During that term the Lodge in whose vicinity the brother holding the card may reside, may determine to what extent and in what manner these courtesies of the Order may be extended. The Lodge to which he may apply for admission must be its own judge of the propriety of receiving him, and the same rule must apply in respect to any other privileges which he may claim to enjoy by virtue of his card.

In respect to the second inquiry the committee reply in the negative.

A reply to the third question is already furnished by the Digest, Sect. 29, Art. 3, Div. 3 Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
JNO. H. MANLY
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., reports lying on the table, and in order for consideration, were made the special order for this evening session.

Rep. Knight, of R. I., presented the following preamble and resolution, which on his motion, were ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, at a regular session, held in November, 1847, so amended the Constitutions of Subordinate Lodges as to require one-third of the ballots to be black in order to reject a candidate. And whereas the M. W. Grand Sire decided said alteration to be a violation of the long established customs and usages of the Order, and also an exercise of power existing in no State Grand Lodge. And whereas the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, having memorialized this R. W. Grand Body at their last session, asking them to decide in what manner they had exceeded the powers guaranteed to them by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. And whereas, the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island having been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order at the last session of this body, in connection with other matter not contained in said memorial, a division of the question presented in the report was called for, and on motion the whole subject was laid on the table, and was subsequently called up and again disposed of in a similar manner; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the law passed by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, amending the Constitutions of Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, be approved as constitutional by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Wood, of N. Jersey, relative to a reduction of the price of Charge and Degree Books, report: they have examined the subject and approve the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

SAMUEL READ,
W. W. DIBBLEE,
WM. A. WELLS.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Secretary have the form of installation printed in the Charge books, and they, together with the Degree book, be furnished to Grand Lodges at cost.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the amount of monies paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the Subordinate Lodges of the State of Iowa, as dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States, subsequent to the institution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, be refunded and paid to the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiry of Rep. Olds, of Ohio, in reference to an application for a final card, report, that it is the right of a brother to withdraw his application at any time previous to a vote on final card.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Crump, of Va., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges shall have power to grant dispensations at any time to existing Subordinate Lodges, to elect Noble Grands and Vice Grands from scarlet degree members of said Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of Rep. Cohen, of Ga., the lodge agreed to take up the additional By-Law proposed by him on page 1443, Journal, which being under consideration,

Rep. Crump, of Va., moved to amend, by striking out the words "resolution or," in the second line—pending the consideration of which, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Sept. 19—7½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a due representation.

Leave, by unanimous consent, was given to Rep. Cole, of Mass., to record his vote in the affirmative on the resolution of Rep. Anderson, of Ga.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Hunt, of Md., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G.'s John Fossett, Benj. F. Nalls and Elias R. Newman be permitted to visit during the session.

The Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the special order, being the reports of committees on the table now in order for consideration.

The report of the Committee on Constitutions, approving the Constitution of Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida, page 1438, Journal, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page, amending and approving the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1439, upon the constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, was considered.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., called for a division of the subject, and the question being on the first branch of the report, approving the amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, it was agreed to.

On motion the second branch of the report was laid on the table.

The report of the same committee, page 1439, Journal, recommending the approval of the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same Committee, same page Journal, recommending the approval of the five amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Legislative Committee, same page Journal, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the subject of sundry decisions made by the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1440 Journal, upon the inquiries submitted by Rep. Forbes, of Mo., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, touching the resolutions submitted by Rep. Brunet, of Va., being under consideration,

Rep. Cole, of Mass., moved to amend, by striking out the words "should be governed by local laws."

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., raised a point of order, "whether the report of a committee was subject to amendment."

The Chair decided the amendment to be in order.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved indefinitely to postpone the motion to amend, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the report of the Legislative Committee, it was adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, in reply to the resolutions submitted by Rep. Olds, of Ohio, in relation to the propriety of requiring a brother to sign his name upon his card, being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, its further consideration was postponed.

The report of the Committee on Petitions, page 1442 Journal, recommending the restoration of the charter of Wildey Camp, Alton, Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, recommending the approval of dispensation granted to Puckechtuck Camp, at Keokuck, Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, recommending the confirmation of the dispensation for California Lodge, No. 1, at San Francisco, California, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, recommending the confirmation of dispensation granted to Franklin Lodge, No. 6, at Quincy, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1444, Journal, concerning an annual statistical report of the state of the patriarchal branch of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitutions, same page Journal, touching the Constitutions of the Subordinate Lodges of Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, recommending the approval of the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Petitions, page 1446 Journal, recommending the confirmation of the dispensations to open Rock Island Encampment, No. 12; Salem Encampment, No. 14; Wauponsie Encampment, No. 13; of the State of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., presented the following memorial, which was referred on his motion, to the Committee on Petitions:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, at present a Representative in this body from the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, respectfully sheweth:

That having been a member of this body in 1845, he was appointed by G. Sire Sherlock D. D. G. Sire for the State of Indiana, to organize Encampments; that in pursuance of his duties he organized three Subordinate Encampments in that State—at Laurel, La Fayette and Indianapolis; that after organizing the Encampment at Laurel, while absent on a tour to organize the others, his trunk at home was broken open, and the \$30 which he had received as Charter fee from the Camp first named was stolen; that he paid over said stolen amount to the Grand Lodge of the United States, out of his own private funds, intending at some future time, when he could personally represent these facts, to ask relief from this body. He therefore prays that the said amount of \$30 may be refunded to him, if deemed just by this Grand Lodge.

GEORGE BROWN.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred certain inquiries proposed by Rep. Burr, of N. C., page 1443, have considered the same and report:

The first question is answered in the negative by the Digest, page 49, sec. 20.

The second question is answered in the negative, by the Digest, page 49, sec. 18.

In respect to the 3d question, the committee reply that officers of subordinate lodges wear the regalia prescribed for them by the laws of the Order, vide Digest, page 28.

In respect to the 4th question the committee reply that it is the duty of a V. G., while occupying the chair of the N. G., to wear the regalia of the N. G.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. H. MANLY,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the inquiry proposed by Rep. Hunt, page 1406, and report: a person admitted into the Order who is unworthy of membership can be expelled only after a proper trial, upon charges duly preferred and investigated.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
JNO. H. MANLY,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the inquiry proposed by Rep. Hunt, page 1405, and report:

There can be no doubt that a Grand Lodge may exercise the right which is made the subject of inquiry. It is in accordance with the parliamentary law which generally prevails in the grand bodies, and the committee believe it to be a proper and correct course of proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the inquiry proposed by Rep. Moffet, of Mo., page 1404, and report: A State Grand Lodge may appoint such officers, additional to those required by the law of the Digest, as its wants and convenience may require.

It cannot elect an officer for a Subordinate Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
JNO. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered the inquiry of Rep. Hunt, of Md., page 1402, and report: That it is not expedient to confer any title or honorary distinction on P. Degree Masters.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH.
J. W. STOKES.
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, in reply to the enquiry, presented by Rep. Barrows, of Miss., page 1401 Journal, report:

That a Subordinate Lodge has no jurisdiction or power in the case cited in the enquiry—the member is beyond the jurisdiction of a lodge or the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH.
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order ask to be discharged from the consideration of the resolution proposed by Rep. Treadway, page 1407, it being a question requiring "new legislation," and consequently improperly referred.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH

J. H. MANLY.

J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Dibblee, of N. Y., the lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Robt. W. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the journal of the sessions of yesterday morning and evening was dispensed with.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Alton Lodge, No. 2, of the State of Illinois, from the decisions of the Grand Lodge of that State, would respectfully ask leave to report:

The documents submitted to your committee contain the following facts:

Alton Lodge, No. 2, of Illinois, surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of the State in 1843. In the winter of 1848, five or more of the original members of Alton Lodge applied to the Grand Lodge for reinstatement. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Lodge was subsequently reinstated by the Grand Master. On the 28th of June, 1848, P. G. Charles Skillman, an original member of Alton Lodge, applied for admission, but without a certificate of his good standing in the Lodge at the time of its surrender, and was rejected.

Bro Skillman subsequently applied to the Grand Master to interpose his authority and restore him to membership in Alton Lodge, on the ground that upon the resuscitation of a Lodge all of the members who were in good standing at the time its charter was surrendered were necessarily restored to membership with it. The Grand Master on the 16th of March, 1849, issued an order to Alton Lodge, directing them to receive into full membership Bro. Skillman, upon his presentation of a certificate of good standing in Alton Lodge at the time of its surrender. The Lodge appealed from the decision of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge. In July, 1849, the Grand

Lodge of Illinois confirmed the decision of the Grand Master, by directing Alton Lodge, No. 2, to receive into membership all the members of said Lodge who were in good standing at the time of surrendering their charter, and that it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Illinois that in the event of a resuscitation of a defunct Lodge every member who was in good standing at the time of such surrender of its charter be and is hereby recognized a member of the so resuscitated Lodge.

From this decision of the Grand Lodge of Illinois the present appeal is taken.

Your committee cannot arrive at the conclusion that the act of reorganizing a defunct Lodge necessarily reinstates and restores to membership all who were members at the time a Lodge ceased its functions. The admission of such a principle, your committee believe, would be contrary to the established usages of the Order, and destructive of the very objects that induce members of defunct Lodges to apply for a restoration. It would effectually lay the bones of deceased Lodges in a grave from which there would be no resurrection. The causes that sometimes produce decay and extinction in Subordinate Lodges are to be found in a want of harmony and unity among its members; and if the resuscitation of a Lodge would have the effect of restoring all its original members, it would not be reasonable to suppose that under such a reorganization the Lodge would advance in prosperity or usefulness. The Digest, Art. 3, Sec. 8, page 48, affirms that a charter cannot be restored to any but a sufficient number of its organized members, thereby clearly assuming that the restoration of a charter to a certain number of members of a defunct Lodge does not, in any sense, restore all who were in good standing at the time the Lodge ceased to exist.

Your committee would offer the following resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
ELIJAH MORTON,
GEORGE BROWN.

Resolved, That the appeal of Alton Lodge, No. 2, of Illinois, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, be sustained by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pa., as referred to them, and recommend the same for approval, with the addition of the hour of meeting of the Annual Session, which is stated at 9 o'clock A. M., which addition has been made at the suggestion of the Representatives from the State of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
W. A. MOFFETT,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the rule was suspended, the report considered and adopted.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas, and recommend that it be approved as amended, by striking out all the words in the 10th Sec. of Art. 6, after the words "and therein faithfully represent the views and interest of the Order in general."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
W. A. MOFFET,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the four amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, referred to them, and recommend their approval. Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
JOHN J. DAVIES,
W. A. MOFFETT.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the three amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, referred to them, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
JOHN J. DAVIES,
W. A. MOFFETT.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

The Roll of Committees having been called, and no reports appearing—

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports lying on the table, and now in order, under the rule.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1449 Journal, in answer to the inquiries submitted by Rep. Strawbridge, of La., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, referring to the inquiries of Rep. Potts, of Illinois, touching the rights and duties of a brother holding a final card, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1449 Journal, concerning written resignations of membership, presented by the inquiries of Rep. Barrows, of Miss., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1450 Journal, touching the resolutions of the Grand Camp of Ohio; also the resolution of Rep. Dickson, of Del.; also the preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Mo., was considered, and on motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, the subject matter of the said report was referred to the Legislative Committee, and the Committee on the State of the Order discharged therefrom.

The report of the Legislative Committee, same page, Journal, relating to the expediency of uniform rates for depositing cards, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1451 relating to a change of the official term of Subordinate Lodges from six to three months, was considered.

Rep. Wakefield, of N. J., moved to substitute the following resolution for the report of the committee:

Resolved, That from and after the first of January, 1850, the official term of Subordinate Lodges shall be three months.

The question being on the substitute, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved the previous question.

The Chair being in the act of putting the question on the call for the previous question,

P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to refer the subject again to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report three months as the term of official service in Subordinate Lodges; which motion the Chair ruled to have precedence over the motion for the previous question.

P. G. S. Kennedy asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion to refer.

The question recurring upon the call for the previous question, and it being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the report of the Legislative Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Burr, (2 votes,) Cohen, (2 votes,) Cole, Colfax, Clark, Crump, (2 votes,) Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Ellison, (2 votes,) Fritz, Frost, Follett, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) Mott, Peacock, Read, Sanford, Shaw, Stokes, (2 votes,) Silsby, Strawbridge, Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakeley, Webster, Wilson, Wells, Zimmerman, (2 votes,) P. G. S.'s Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass—52.

NAYS.—Askew, Ballou, Currier, Crane, Davies, Dibblee, Forbes, Garritt, Hunt, (2 votes,) McDonald, Moffet, Moore, Olds, Petta, (2

votes,) Sessford, Smith, of Del., Taylor, Theobald, Towers, Wakefield, Wood—23.

By unanimous consent, leave was granted to Rep. Fritz, of Pa., to move the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Hiram C. Metcalf be admitted to attend the sittings of this Grand Lodge.

By unanimous consent, leave was granted to Rep. Zimmerman, of Md., to move the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G.'s Wentz, Culbertson and Peck, of Md., be admitted to visit.

The lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees lying on the table, now in order.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1451 Journal, referring to the inquiries submitted by Rep. Crane, of Mo., was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Printing, page 1457 Journal, touching the proposals for printing the Journal, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Petitions, same page Journal, recommending the approval of the dispensation to open Minesota Lodge at Stillwater, Minesota, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, recommending the restoration of the charter of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1458 Journal, upon the subject matter of the petition to accord the honors of office to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the state of Alabama, under the circumstances therein stated, was considered.

Rep. McDonald of Wisconsin, moved to amend the report as follows, which was agreed to:

Amend by striking out all after the word "Alabama," where it occurs in the last line.

Rep. Moore, of D. of C., moved further to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

To insert in the first line, after the word "petition," the words "of the Grand Lodge of Alabama."

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved farther to amend as follows:

Amend by erasing the words "*Grand Lodge of Alabama*," where they occur in the sixth line, and insert the words "*State and District Grand Lodges and Encampments*."

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., the report was recommitted to the committee.

The report of the Special Committee, page 1458 Journal, in the matter of the appeal of Wachusett Encampment, No. 10, of Mass. was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, page 1459 Journal, touching the correspondence of the Grand Officers, was considered, and on motion of Rep. Olds, of Ohio, ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Special Committee on Uniform Constitutions, page 1459 Journal, was considered.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved indefinitely to postpone the subject.

Rep. Follet, of Mich., moved the previous question.

At this moment, Rep. Frost, of Mass., moved the reference of the subject to the next Annual Session.

The chair ruled that the motion to refer to the next Annual Session was in point of fact a motion for a postponement to a definite time, and did not take precedence of a motion for the previous question.

Rep. Moore, of D. C., moved to refer the subject to the Legislative Committee. After debate,

Rep. Moore, of D. C., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion to refer to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Follet, of Mich., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the call for the previous question.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., had leave to withdraw the motion indefinitely to postpone.

Rep. Frost, of Mass., obtained leave to withdraw the motion to refer to the next Annual Session.

The question then recurred on the report and resolutions from the Committee on Uniform Constitutions.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved to adopt the same.

A division of the question was called for, when the question was put upon the first resolution, accompanying the report of the committee.

Rep. Ballou, of Vt., offered the following as a substitute for the resolution under consideration, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That this proposed form of Constitution be submitted to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of this jurisdiction, for their consideration and adoption, or amendment and adoption, if they see fit.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Ballou, Brown, of N. H., Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Davies, Dickson, Ellison, Fritz, Garritt, Hale, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moore, Morton, Mott, Olds, Peacock, Stokes, (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Tewksbury, Towers, Treadway, Webster, Wells. P. G. S's Wildey, Kennedy, Kneass—31.

NAYS.—Andrews, Barrows, (2 votes.) Burr, Cole, Crump, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Frost, Follett, Forbes, Green, Hunt, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, (2 votes,) Marley, Manly, Moffet, Parker, Potts, (2 votes,) Read, Sanford, Sessford, Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Spooner, Taylor, (2 votes,) Theobald, Wakeley, Wakefield, Wilson, Wood, Zimmerman; P. G. S. Hopkins—44.

The question recurring upon the motion to adopt the first resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Constitutions, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main

question be now put?" which was agreed to. The main question was then put, "Will the lodge adopt the second resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Constitutions?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Burr, Cole, Crane, Davies, Dickson, Ellison, (2 votes,) Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Forbes, Hale, Manly, Moffett, Moore, Morton, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes,) Read, Sessford, Stokes, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Taylor, (2 votes,) Theobald, Towers, Wood; Past Grand Sires, Wildey, Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass.—36

NAYS.—Andrews, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Cohen, (2 votes,) Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crump, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Follett, Garritt, Green, Hunt, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, Marley, Marshall, (2 votes,) Mott, Olds, Parker, Sanford, Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, Spooner, Tewksbury, Treadway, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster, Wilson, Zimmerman—43.

On motion of Rep. Crump, of Va., the whole subject not already acted upon, was indefinitely postponed. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Ballou, Burrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Ind., (two votes,) Burr, Cohen, (two votes,) Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Crump, (two votes,) Davies (two votes,) DeSaussure, Follett, Green, Hale, Hunt, Knight (two votes,) Lockwood, (two votes,) McDonald, Marley, Manly, Moore, Mott, Olds, Parker, Read, Sanford, Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, Smith, Spooner, Tewksbury, Theobald, Towers, Treadway, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster, Wilson, Wood, Zimmerman—50.

NAYS.—Askew, Cole, Dickson, Ellison, (two votes,) Fritz, (two votes,) Frost, Forbes, Garritt, Marshall, (two votes,) Moffett, Morton, Peacock, Potts, (two votes,) Sessford, Stokes (two votes,) Smith, of Me.; Smith, of Del.; Taylor, (two votes) Past Grand Sires Wildey, Glazier, Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass—30.

Rep. Mott, by unanimous consent of the lodge, submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana for approval, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

To amend Art. 2d, Sec. 1st, by inserting after the words "Past Chief Patriarchs," in the 2d line, the words "and Past High Priests."

Rep. Moore, of the D. of C., by unanimous consent of the lodge, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to which was referred the memorial of P. C. Patriarch E. C. Robinson, claiming to be the legally elected representative from the Grand Encampment of the State of Virginia, and stating that the certificate of election was awarded to the sitting representative through a mistake in counting the ballots, respectfully report:

That, as the delay could do no wrong to any of the parties interested in the subject of this memorial, your committee have from day to day deferred conclusive action thereon, in order to afford the contestant the fullest opportunity to furnish all the evidence which he relied upon to sustain the justice of his appeal to this body. One of the expected certificates, however, having failed to reach this city, Bro. Robinson has concluded to abandon the contest. Your committee, therefore, recommend that he be permitted to withdraw his memorial and the documents which have been presented in support of it.

WM. W. MOORE.

TALCOTT BURR, Jr.

THOS. SPOONER.

On motion the rule was suspended, the report considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Marshall, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was re-committed the petition of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, to accord to the present Grand Officers of that body the honors of their offices, which, by an alteration of their constitution, will expire without their having served a full year, respectfully report, that they are of opinion that the grant is unnecessary, as in their opinion Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments now possess the power to determine such questions.

A. K. MARSHALL,

GEO. B. DICKSON,

R. O. SHAW.

On motion the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

The lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees lying on the table, and in order.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1470 Journal, touching the inquiries of Rep. Burr, of N. C., upon the subject of qualifications, election and appointments of Grand Representatives, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, upon the inquiries of Rep. Treadway, of Mich., concerning the receiving and depositing cards, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to lay the report on the table, it was not agreed to, whereupon the report, on motion, was adopted.

The report of the same Committee, same page Journal, as to the propriety of admitting individuals into the Order deprived of the senses of sight or hearing, or the power of speech, was considered.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to lay the same on the table, which was not agreed to, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance, page 1471 Journal, concerning the resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, recom-

mending a special donation in aid of the erection of a hall at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, same page Journal, in answer to the inquiries of Rep. Mott, of La., touching the rights conferred by cards, and privileges of Lodges in reference thereto, was considered.

A division of the question was called, and the question being on the first branch of the report, Rep. Mott moved to recommit it to the Committee.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., called the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows; "shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "will the Lodge adopt the motion to recommit the report to the Committee?" which was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Treadway, of Michigan, seconded by a brother voting in the majority, the vote just had, refusing to recommit the first branch of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order under consideration, was reconsidered, and the question being again upon the motion to recommit, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the residue of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, under consideration, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent of the lodge, Rep. Anderson, of Ga., from the Special Committee on this subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject contained in the following resolution :

"Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the State of the Order in New York,"

Ask leave to report:

The committee need not say that they have approached the consideration of the subject submitted to them with the profoundest sense of its importance to the Order. They have not concealed from themselves the fact, that the grave and momentous question which, for two years, has been paramount in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and which has disturbed the Order even to the point of disruption, is now, for the last time, presented for adjustment, before it passes from our control, fraught with the perils of distraction and dissolution of the American Order of Odd-Fellowship.

But even in this most critical condition of our Order, the important duty of preserving the dignity and integrity of this R. W. Body, in its official acts, has been present, primarily and constantly, with the committee, during their earnest and most cautious deliberation upon the matters before them. Impressed with the necessity of recognizing the legality of every measure heretofore adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge, with reference to the disturbed condition of the Order in the State of New York, they have felt that however fearful the consequences to be apprehended from any par-

ticular course, they were not to be avoided by the sacrifice of a single principle of our great organization, or by any essential departure from our organic law.

The committee have dared to flatter themselves that they have met upon a ground of adjustment which will not militate against the dignity and consistency of this our supreme legislature, and which will at the same time restore that portion of the brotherhood in the State of New York now divorced from us. The views of the committee are submitted in the sincere hope that the members of this Grand Lodge will concede that a method has been selected which will relieve the Order from its distressing state of conflict and disturbance.

The committee have disembarrassed themselves from all matters of personal differences, and all things non-essential, to which this unhappy controversy has given existence. Looking at the question in its two principal phases, first, as relating to the former legislation of this Grand Lodge, and secondly, to the actual condition of the Order in New York, they have approached it as in many respects new and original, and it is in this manner that they would desire it to be considered by this Grand Lodge.

That portion of the Order in New York, known as the Jurisdiction of the New Constitution Grand Lodge, is an integral, organized body, not recognized by the Grand Lodge as in legal existence, and not legitimately in fellowship with the residue of the Order. The separation of this body of Odd-Fellows from the Order has not been followed, however, by the abandonment of their relations as members of Subordinate Lodges, and, so far as the committee have knowledge, their immediate duties and responsibilities have been performed and borne, and in their relations towards the body they have established for their government they have acted as if in full connection and good standing within the Order.

This condition of affairs presents an entity with which the Grand Lodge can deal at once, and if considered in the mode recommended by the committee, will preclude the necessity of analyzing and dissolving the organization now existing. It does not seem necessary to insist upon a new organization, if this Grand Lodge will adopt the view of this committee in considering the present organization as new, and as if for the first time presented, complete and perfect, and awaiting the fiat of this body in order to pass into operation. The committee are therefore in favor of recognizing the existing organization as of recent formation, and of rendering it legal, from a date not remote from the present moment, under the restrictions and conditions expressed in the resolutions accompanying this report.

This is the main proposition of the committee, and such matters of detail as are ancillary are embodied in the resolutions. It is believed that they are sufficiently explicit, without explanation in the body of the report.

In submitting these views, the committee are deeply impressed with the conviction that they are expressing the wishes and opin-

ions of the great mass of the Order throughout your jurisdiction.— Your determination of this great question, final as it may be, for weal or woe, in the Order, is waited for silently and respectfully, but with the warm desire that it shall be such as to restore the harmony and perfect integrity of the Order. The committee would so far travel from the direct line of their duties as deferentially but entreatingly to urge upon each member of the Grand Lodge to consider upon his individual responsibility, whether the peace and union, and happily the life of the Order, do not depend upon the immediate settlement of this controversy. The committee cannot conceive that it will be ever again the privilege of the Grand Lodge to enjoy the opportunity of disposing of this vexed question favorably and finally, which circumstances now combine to afford.

In conformity with these views, the committee submit the following resolutions:

JNO. W. ANDERSON,
PETER DELLA TORRE,
WM E. PARMENTER.

Resolved 1. That the organization in the State of New York, known as the New Constitution Grand Lodge of the State of New York, be, and the same is hereby recognized as having legal existence under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from and after the 30th day of August, in the year 1849, and that a charter be, and is hereby granted to the said body, giving the same jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over that part of the territory of said State which is included within the Northern Judicial District, as at present defined by Act of Congress. And the said Grand Lodge shall be styled the Grand Lodge of Northern New York.

2. The Grand Lodge of New York shall hereafter have jurisdiction over that part of said State which is included within the Southern Judicial District, as at present defined by Act of Congress, and shall be styled the Grand Lodge of Southern New York.

3. Each of the said Grand Lodges in the State of New York shall have exclusive jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territory of the District in which it is located. Provided, nevertheless, that such of the Subordinate Lodges, situated in the Northern District, as are at present working under the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, and such of the Subordinate Lodges situated in the Southern District as are at present working under the body hereby recognized as the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, are hereby permitted so to elect at any time, prior to the 1st of January, 1850, to which Grand Lodge they shall be attached. And the same permission is granted to the said Subordinate Lodges so to elect at any time subsequent to said date, with the consent of both the said G. Lodges. Provided further, that such Lodge or Lodges as by their election shall be excepted from the jurisdiction in which they are geographically located, shall not receive less than the minimum rates for initiation or degree, fees and assessments, which are received by Lodges in the same county which are attached to the geographical jurisdiction.

4. All charters granted to Subordinate Lodges by the said Grand Lodge of Northern New York are hereby confirmed.

5. The Grand Encampment of New York shall hereafter be styled the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, and shall have jurisdiction over the territory included within the Southern Judicial District, as at present defined by act of Congress.

6. The body known as the New Constitution Grand Encampment is hereby recognized as legally existing from and after the 30th day of July, 1849, and it shall have jurisdiction over the territory included within the Northern Judicial District of New York, as at present defined by Act of Congress. It shall be styled the Grand Encampment of Northern New York.

7. The same provisions set forth in the foregoing resolutions, relative to Sub-

ordinate Lodges, shall apply in all respects to the Subordinate Encampments similarly situated, and which are attached to both the said Grand Encampments.

8. Article 8th of the By-Laws is hereby amended, by adding "except in the State of New York, which may have two Grand Lodges and two Grand Encampments. And all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions are hereby repealed."

On motion of P. G. Sire Kennedy the report and resolutions were made the special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

By unanimous consent of the lodge, the order of business was suspended, and the lodge agreed to receive reports from committees.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, made the following report which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The "Committee on Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments not represented," to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's annual report as relates to the Grand Lodge of Texas, beg leave respectfully to report:

That the semi-annual report of the D. D. G. Sire of Texas, of January 16, 1849, and the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Texas, of Feb. 2, 1849, set forth that the state of the Order in Texas is depressed, arising principally from the sparsely populated condition of that jurisdiction, and therefore irresistible difficulty of procuring, at any place where a Lodge does not exist, a requisite and constitutional number of properly qualified applicants for the instituting of a new Lodge.

It appears from the report of the Grand Lodge of Texas that on the 15th day of July, 1849, there had been instituted and in working order four Subordinate Lodges, three of which were at Galveston, and one very flourishing at the mouth of the Rio Grande, which places are distant from each other at least several hundred miles. The resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Texas further declare, "that there are few towns or counties in which the requisite number of Odd-Fellows reside, who are legally qualified by existing laws, rules and regulations, to apply for a charter for the establishment and institution of Lodges, *but who are otherwise qualified in every respect.*" The committee, taking these facts into consideration, and desiring that the beneficial influence of our Order may be disseminated throughout our widely extended country, and with a view to relieve our brethren of the Order in Texas, recommend the following resolutions.

H. F. ASKEW,
H. N. CLARK.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Texas be allowed for and during one year, from the 5th day of January, 1850, to grant dispensations for instituting Subordinate Lodges to three qualified members, provided any three members so applying for a charter shall certify to the said Grand Lodge that in the event of their institution into a Subordinate Lodge, they have a well founded belief that at least a sufficient number of persons will apply for initiation to fill the various chairs.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. DeSaussure, page 1443, report:

That the most appropriate plan of accomplishing the object proposed appears to the committee that which prevails in the Congress of the United States. The Grand Lodge being composed of but one house, the rules which govern Congress must necessarily be so modified as will suit the different circumstances; the three readings there required, should in this body be reduced to two, so that all bills should be passed at the second reading. All propositions for new laws should be by bill, and reference to appropriate committees. To become law, all bills should receive a majority vote upon both readings; and if a majority vote is not obtained upon both readings, the bill should be considered as rejected. All resolutions of inquiry properly brought before this body should be referred to appropriate committees, and if the laws upon the subjects of inquiry are clearly defined, the committee may reply by reports referring to the laws; but if such laws are not clearly defined, the committees should report by bill. A similar course should be pursued upon all other subjects which may come before this body. The committee are of opinion that the wants of the Order require as speedy a reduction of this plan into practice as possible, and recommend the adoption of the appended resolutions.

SOLOMON COHEN,

S. H. PARKER,

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Resolved, That the future legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing with the annual communication of 1850, shall be by bill, upon all such subjects as will admit thereof.

Resolved, That the manner of introducing bills shall be that pursued in the Congress of the United States, so far as the different organization of this body will allow.

Resolved, That no bill shall be passed except upon two readings, and by a majority vote at both readings.

Resolved, That for the purpose of preparing a system corresponding to that of Congress, a committee of three be appointed to sit during the recess, and prepare such system, and report the same at the next annual communication.

Resolved, That it be referred to the same committee to prepare for the next communication such bills upon the subject contained in the Digest as may seem necessary.

Resolved, That the committee so appointed shall have power to print rules and bills prepared in accordance with these resolutions.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Marshal, of Ky., instructing this committee to prepare a law or system for carrying into effect the provisions of the amendment of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge to Article XII, by which the expenses of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge are to be

paid, beg leave to report that they know of no better system or law than that adopted by the Legislatures of the several States and the Congress of the 'Union,' and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Resolved, That the pay of Representatives to and officers of this Body (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed) shall be three dollars per diem, during their attendance upon the sessions of the G. Lodge of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That in addition to the above, the said Representatives and officers shall also receive six cents for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and back again; the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route, between said points.

And be it further resolved, That the said per diem allowance and mileage shall as paid by the Grand Treasurer, on the certificate of the Grand Secretary.

And be it further resolved, That to meet the payment of the said per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body—said assessment to consist of a per centage on the annual receipts of each State Grand Body respectively.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report: That they have examined the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, making Past High Priests eligible to membership therein, and recommend the approval of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MOTT,
W. A. MOFFETT,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. Marshall, of Ky., page 1407 Journal, respectfully report:

That the proposition submitted does not upon its face show distinctly the end in view, and the committee cannot see the object designed to be attained. If, however, it be desired to ascertain the amount of funds paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States since its formation, that object, it would appear, can be fully attained by an examination of the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, transcripts from which are by law required to accompany the Grand Cor. Secretary's report: the committee recommend that no further legislation be had upon the subject.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL READ.
W. W. DIBBLEE,
WM. A. WELLS.

Rep. Read, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Potts, of Ill., page 1472 relative to refunding moneys to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, have examined into the subject and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL READ,
W. W. DIBBLEE,
WM. A. WELLS.

Resolved, That the resolution above referred to be adopted.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the amount of money paid into the treasury of the same since the institution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

P. G. S. Hopkins, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed at the last session to examine Sutherland's Parliamentary Rules and Practice, &c., respectfully report:

That after much consideration and due examination of the subject, your committee have agreed to recommend the Congressional Manual of Judge Sutherland, of Pennsylvania, for the adoption of the Grand and other Lodges of Odd-Fellows of the United States, as a proper guide for the deliberations of the Order, in all cases where our present rules do not apply.

First.—Because, as it embodies the Manual in use in Congress, it may well be presumed to contain the best system known in this country for the transaction of the public business of the nation.

Second.—Because, by familiarizing ourselves with the contents of this work, as to points of order, we not only have the experience of the enlightened representatives of the nation to instruct us, but we make ourselves masters of parliamentary knowledge of great value in after life, if any of our Order should be called upon to represent the people in the councils of the states or the nation.

Third.—Because the work in question not only contains Mr. Sutherland's very valuable remarks upon the mode of conducting the legislation of the country, but it has also bound up with it Jefferson's Manual, prepared by Mr. Jefferson when he was Vice President of the United States, and of course, President of the United States' Senate.

Fourth.—Because a wide circulation amongst our Order of such a work as that, would qualify its members for any post they may be called upon to fill in their respective bodies, and promote regularity and harmony in their deliberations, besides furnishing them, as citi-

zens, in a comprehensive form, with much sound and useful knowledge of the best mode of transacting parliamentary business.

Fifth.—Because Judge Sutherland, in preparing this Manual, has brought to his aid much reading and great experience, both in the State and National Legislation of the Union, reaching from 1812 down to this time; and, so much is his work esteemed abroad, that we learn that, in the recent examination of some of our distinguished countrymen before a committee composed of Lord Brougham, Mr. Peele, and other eminent members of the British Parliament, as to the mode of transacting the public business in America, each member of Parliament had a copy of Judge Sutherland's Manual in his possession, and put most of their questions therefrom to our countrymen who were examined by them.

These are some of many reasons that induce your committee to offer the following resolution.

H. HOPKINS,
W. W. MOORE.

Resolved, That the Congressional Manual of Judge Sutherland be, and is hereby adopted, for the government of the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as the same is applicable, and does not conflict with any of its special rules; and that the same work be recommended to the adoption of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the different States and Territories.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., page 1444 in reference to a Grand Lodge granting permission to a subordinate to have semi-monthly meetings, report:

That a Grand Lodge has such a right, but that 26 nights service is necessary to complete a term; to the second inquiry, that the rights of a member depositing a card in a different jurisdiction must be governed by its local laws. Respectfully,

W. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Davies, of New York, defining the qualification of a representative to a seat in this body, report:

That it never has been the custom of the Grand Lodge of the United States to require a representative to be a contributing member of a Subordinate Encampment. A proposition to require such a qualification, made at the session of 1838, page 290, vol. 1, was rejected at an adjourned session of 1840, page 305. The committee believe that it would be commendable in all representatives to be contributing mem-

bers of that branch of the Order which has conferred its highest honors upon them; yet in justice to the Grand Lodges of the States it would not be expedient to *require* the qualification spoken of in the resolution. One of the members of this committee dissents from this report, believing that a Grand Representative should be a contributing member of a Subordinate Encampment.

Respectfully submitted, WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Smith, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, to define more particularly the 30th Article of the By-Laws, report: that the 30th Article of the By-Laws ought to be construed so as to prohibit the initiation of a candidate in a lodge, remote or proximate, in a different jurisdiction from that in which he resides, unless the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of his jurisdiction first be obtained, which legally authenticated consent shall accompany his application.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
JNO. H. MANLY.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, September 20, 8 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled in secret session, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Robt. H. Griffin, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order, being instruction in the work, when, after a session of several hours, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Robt. H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of the sessions of yesterday was dispensed with.

The roll of committees being called—

Rep. Smith, of Maine, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the several decisions of the M. W. G. Sire, enumerated in the report of that officer, made at this session of the Grand Lodge, have considered the same, and recommend that they be confirmed, as being in accordance with the existing laws upon the subjects to which they relate.

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subject of the "Wilkey Fund and Annuity," page 1444, respectfully report: they have examined the subject and find by the report of the Grand Secretary there has been received for the "Wilkey Fund" \$1,130.09, and for the "Annuity Fund" \$137.50.

They also report from the Grand Sec'y's statement that there has been received from the various Lodges for the purpose of erecting a Hall at Honolulu the amount of \$75. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL READ,
W. W. DIBBLEE,
WM. A. WELLS.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to comply with the instructions found on page 1304, vol. 2.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report as follows:

We find the report from the Grand Lodges of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Alabama, New Jersey, Mississippi, Maine, South Carolina, Georgia, Connecticut, Texas, District of Columbia, Missouri, Maryland, North Carolina, Iowa, Michigan, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois, Delaware and Rhode Island, correct.

Incorrect.—Report from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, containing no statement of the amount expended for relief.

Report of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, is without seal.

Reports from the Grand Encampments of Missouri, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Connecticut, Mississippi, New Jersey, Virginia, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire and Ohio, correct.

Reports from Grand Encampments of Tennessee, Wisconsin and Louisiana are not accompanied with reports of amount of expenditures for relief, and are consequently incorrect.

Report from Grand Encampment of Indiana is destitute of seal, therefore incorrect.

Subordinate Lodges.

Reports from Pensacola Lodge, No. 2, of Florida, Florida Lodge, No. 1, of Florida, Harmony Lodge, No. 2, of Iowa, Frontier Lodge, No. 2, of Arkansas, Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, of Iowa, Far West Lodge, No. 1, of Arkansas, and Manitou Lodge, No. 6, of Iowa, are correct.

Subordinate Lodges Incorrect.

Pensacola Lodge, No. 6, of Florida, certified by the officers elect, instead of the last Past Officers.

Far West Lodge, No. 1, of Arkansas, place of location omitted.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, of Florida, relief report omitted, and without seal.

Keosauqua Lodge, No. 3, of Iowa, relief report omitted.

Telula Lodge, No. 2, of Arkansas, certified by the officers elect. Also Independence Lodge, No. 2, of Arkansas.

Washington Lodge, No. 1, Iowa,—Report of relief omitted.

Kosciusko Lodge, No. 6, Iowa, " " " "

Independence Lodge, No. 4, Arkansas, " " " "

Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas, " " " "

Subordinate Encampments Correct.

Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, of Vermont.

Manchester Encampment, No. 4, of Rhode Island.

Narraganset Encampment, No. 1, of do.

Palestine Encampment, No. 3, of do.

Lead Mine Encampment, No. 5, of Illinois.

Moshassuck Encampment, No. 2, Rhode Island.

Manchester Encampment, No. 4, do.

Chicago Encampment, No. 10, Illinois.

Subordinate Encampments Incorrect.

Halcyon Encampment, No. 5, Alabama. The following items are omitted: Rejections, suspensions and cause, expenditure and cause, withdrawn by card, reinstated, deaths.

Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas—Report of relief omitted, and certified by elected officers instead of Past officers.

Union Encampment, N. Y.—Name of the State omitted.—Relief report omitted.

Wanponsee Encampment, No. 13, Illinois—Names of Patriarchs exalted, rejections, withdrawal by card, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, reinstatements, deaths and relief reports, all omitted.

Lone Star Encampment, Texas—Report of relief omitted.

Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Illinois—Names of Patriarchs exalted, relief report omitted, and without seal.

Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont—Relief report omitted

Lead Mine Encampment, No. 3, Illinois—Relief report omitted.
Sirion Encampment, No. 11, Illinois—Relief report omitted, names of Patriarchs exalted omitted.

Iowa Encampment, No. 4, Iowa—Relief report omitted.

Good Samaritan Encampment, No. 5, Iowa—Relief report omitted, and without seal.

Eureka Encampment, No. 2, Iowa—Relief report omitted, names of Patriarchs exalted omitted, and without seal.

Racine Encampment, No. 4, Iowa—Relief report and names of Patriarchs exalted omitted.

State Encampment, No. 3, Iowa—Names of elected officers omitted, and without seal.

Palestine Encampment, No. 3, Rhode Island—Names of High Priests omitted.

Rock Island Encampment, No. 12, Illinois—Relief report, names of Patriarchs exalted omitted, and without seal.

The above is respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. POTTS.

HENRY L. WEBSTER.

JOHN F. SMITH.

Rep. Follett, of Mich., submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which were ordered to be spread upon the journal.

The following propositions were adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, at its annual session, held July, 1849:

1. A Grand Master of a State Grand Lodge has no right to amend the action of his Lodge, by proclamation or otherwise.

2. That the Grand Sire does not possess the authority to institute a committee to examine into the action of a State Grand Lodge, such a proceeding being unknown in the powers of the Grand Sire.

3. That the Grand Sire has no control over the action of a State Grand Lodge, and no power to annul a Constitution of a State Grand Lodge.

4. That the Grand Sire has no power over a State Grand Lodge, except to demand the charter of such a Lodge for a clear violation of rights of the Grand Lodge of the United States; the question of such violation to be submitted to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

5. That we acknowledge the Grand Lodge of the United States as the final tribunal in the Order, and our obligations to submit in all matters to the decision of said Lodge, claiming the right to express our dissent in any case from the action of said Grand Lodge.

6. That silent submission to such authority would totally destroy all the rights of the State Grand Lodges, and subject them to the absolute control of unlimited executive power.

The following preamble and resolutions were also adopted:

WHEREAS each State Grand Lodge has the right to instruct its representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the reason that they are its *Representatives* and not its *guardians*—therefore,

Resolved, That our representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at future sessions, be, and they are hereby instructed to vote in favor of such amendments of the Constitution and Laws of the United States as shall be necessary clearly to define the powers of the Grand Sire, so that the same may all be found in the instituted Laws of the Order.

Rep. Potts, of Illinois, presented the petition of Benj. W. Branson and others, praying a warrant for a subordinate lodge at St. Paul's, Minnesota, which was referred to the committee on Petitions.

Rep. Askew, of Del., submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare and report at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States a form for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and for the installation of the officers of such bodies.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to prepare and report at the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States appropriate lectures to be given on the conferring of the past official degrees.

On motion of Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., to refer the resolutions to the Legislative Committee, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolutions of Rep. Askew, of Del., a division of the question was called, and the question being on the first resolution, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the second resolution, it was agreed to.

The chair named Rep. Askew, of Del., Stokes, of Pa., and Ellison, of Mass., as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Cohen, of Ga, the lodge agreed to take up for consideration the report of the Legislative Committee, page 1489 daily Journal, upon the subject of pay and mileage of Representatives.

A division of the question was called for.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to adopt the first resolution accompanying the report.

Rep. Hale, of N. Y. moved to lay the resolution under consideration on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the first resolution, it was agreed to.

The second resolution accompanying the report of the committee was considered.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved to amend, by striking out "six cents" per mile, and inserting four cents.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved further to amend, by striking out "six cents," and inserting "five cents."

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to. The main question was then put, "will the Lodge adopt the second resolution accompanying the report of the Legislative Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Allen, Andrews, Askew, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown of Ind., (2 votes,) Burr, Cohen, (2 votes,) Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Crump, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Fritz, Follett, Forbes, Garritt, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, Marshall, Manly, Moffett, Moore, Morton, Mott, Olds, Pea-

cock, Phillips, Potts, (2 votes,) Read, Sanford. Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, Spooner, Towers, Treadway, Wakeley, Wakefield, Webster, Wilson, Wood—50.

YAYS.—Ballou, Brown, of N. H., Cole, Davies, (2 votes,) Dibblee, (2 votes,) Dickson, Ellison, Frost, Hunt, (2 votes,) Parmenter, (2 votes,) Parker, Sessford, Stokes, Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Wells, Zimmerman, (2 votes;) Past Grand Sires Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass—26.

The question recurring on the third resolution of the committee, it was agreed to.

The fourth resolution being under consideration—

P. G. S. Kneass rose to a point of order; he inquired whether the fourth resolution reported by the Legislative Committee, page 1489 of printed journal of this session, is not an alteration of, or amendment to the constitution of this body, and should then lie over to the next session, in as much as it provides for the raising of additional revenue, by an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body, when the 12th Art. of the said constitution provides for all the revenue collected by this body.

The chair decided that the 12th Art. of the constitution having been amended at the present communication, so as to require the payment of the expenses of Representatives by the Grand Lodge, any law necessary to carry that amendment into effect may be considered *as a law*, and not as a constitutional amendment. The amendment having been made to the revenue article pre-supposes further action in the way of law.

Rep. Parker, of N. H., appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being put, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge," it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Allen, Andrews, Anderson, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H.; Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Burr. Cohen, Cole, Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Crump. Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Ellison, Fullett, Forbes, Garritt, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, Marshall, (2 votes,) Manly, Moffett, Morton, Mott, Olds, Peacock, Phillips, Potts, (2 votes,) Read, Sanford, Shaw, Strawbridge, Spooner, Treadway, Wakefield, Webster, Wilson, Wood—52.

NAYS.—Askew, Ballou, Davies, (2 votes,) Dibblee, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Hunt, (2 votes,) Moore, Parker, Sessford, Stokes, Silsby, Smith, of Del., Towers, Wakeley, Wells, Zimmerman, (2 votes;) P. G. Sires Glazier, Kennedy, Kneass—24.

The question recurring on the fourth resolution accompanying the report of the Legislative Committee—

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word "to" in the third line, and insert as follows: "be estimated pro rata upon the number of members of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Bodies respectively."

Pending the consideration of which, the hour having arrived for

taking up the special order, the lodge proceeded to the consideration of that subject.

By unanimous consent of the lodge, Rep. Garritt, of Arkansas, presented sundry petitions, which were referred to the committee on that subject.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Tewksbury of Md., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Jacob Cook, of Md., be admitted to visit.

By unanimous leave of the lodge, Rep. Dibblee, of N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That leave of absence is hereby granted for the remainder of the session to Joseph R. Taylor, a Representative from the Grand Encampment of New York.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order, being the report of the committee to whom was referred the state of the Order in New York.

Rep. Crump, of Va., moved to postpone the special order until tomorrow, which was not agreed to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved to adopt the report and resolutions of the committee.

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved to amend the first resolution accompanying the report of the committee, by striking out the dates named therein, and to substitute therefor the first day of October, 1849.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved further to amend, by substituting for the report and resolutions of the committee, the following:

Resolved, That a committee of _____ be appointed by the Grand Sire, either from amongst the brethren of both of the parties in New York, or from the brethren at large, which committee shall be submitted to both parties for its approval, and both uniting in the selection, shall proceed to the settlement of the difficulties in the jurisdiction of New York, either by making a new Constitution or revising the old one, or in any way as in their wisdom may seem best, and that the Grand Sire continue to submit such names, until such a committee as contemplated shall be had.

P. G. S. Kennedy objected to the resolution of Rep. Stokes, as out of order, on the ground that a second amendment to be in order must be an amendment properly to the amendment under consideration, and not an amendment to any other portion of such proposition.

The chair ruled that a second amendment is always in order.

P. G. S. Kennedy appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being, "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., it was not agreed to. The question recurred on the amendment proposed by Rep. Smith, of Me.

Pending the consideration of which, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 6½ o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 21, 6½ o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

By unanimous consent of the Lodge, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Rep. Garritt, from Arkansas, giving jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas over the Indian Country, report against the grant, as the petition does not come from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and your committee are not aware of any reasons important to the interest of the Order upon which to base the grant.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of the adjournment, viz: the amendment proposed by Rep. Smith, of Me., to the first resolution accompanying the report of the Special Committee on the State of the Order, in New York.

Rep. Cohen, of Ga., moved a second amendment, as follows.

Resolved, That the first and sixth resolutions be amended by striking out the date, and inserting in each the words, "upon and after the passage of this resolution."

The question being on the amendment offered by Rep. Cohen, of Ga., it was agreed to.

The yeas and nays being required appeared, as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Anderson, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Brunet, Cohen, Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dibblee, Ellison, Garritt, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) Moffett, Mott, Olds, Parmenter, Parker, Phillips, Read, Sanford, Strawbridge, Spooner, Treadway, (2 votes,) Wakefield, Webster, Wood—44.

NAYS.—Askew, Cole, Crump, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Forbes, Hale, (2 votes,) Hunt, Marley, Manly, Moore, Morton, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes,) Sessford, Shaw, Stokes, (2 votes,) Silsby, Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Tewksbury, Towers, Wilson, Wells, Zimmerman; Past Grand Sires Glazier, Kennedy Hopkins, Kneass—34.

The question recurred on the report and resolutions of the committee as amended. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows.

YEAS.—Andrews, Anderson, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Brunet, Cohen, Colfax, Clark, Currier, Crane, Della Torre, DeSaussure, [2 votes,] Dibblee, Ellison, Fritz, Garritt, Green, Hunt, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,)

McDonald, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) Manly, (2 votes,) Moffett, Mott, Olds, Parmenter, Parker, (2 votes,) Phillips, Read, Sanford, Strawbridge, Smith, (2 votes,) Spooner, Tewksbury, Towers, Treadway, (2 votes,) Wakefield, Webster, Wood, Zimmerman—53.

NAYS.—Askew, Cole, Crump, Davies, Dickson, Frost, Forbes, Hale, Marley, Moore, Morton, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes,) Sessford, Shaw, Stokes, (2 votes,) Silsby, Smith, of Del., Wilson, Wells; P. G. S's Glazier, Hopkins, Kneass—25.

Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that the report and resolutions of the Committee on the State of the Order in New York were adopted, and the amendment proposed by the committee to the 8th Article of the by-laws, having received the requisite majority of votes, was also adopted.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, upon the call of his name, asked and obtained leave to be excused from voting.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Rep. Brown, from Indiana, praying this Grand Lodge to return him \$30, which was stolen from his trunk whilst he was acting D. D. G. S., and which sum he paid over to the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge from his own private funds, recommend the same be returned to him again.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to consider and report upon a resolution found on page 1442 Journal, respectfully report:

That having given the subject the consideration its importance demanded, they are of opinion that an opportunity should be allowed to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States to offer, mature and submit amendments or alterations, in such number and in such shapes as to them shall seem proper. For the purpose of affording the opportunity and proceeding in conformity with the requisitions of the Constitution by which the Grand Lodge of the United States is at present governed, they offer the following resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. K. MARSHALL,
PETER DELLA TORRE,
H. HOPKINS.

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge shall have passed upon the business brought and to be brought before it, instead of closing the present session, it

shall adjourn to the first Monday of September, 1850, to meet at the city of Cincinnati, then and there to take into consideration the present Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to digest and agree to report the same with such alterations or amendments as may be deemed advisable; which having been agreed upon, shall be entered upon the minutes of the session, as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be considered and acted upon by the representatives to that session, in the manner and form prescribed by the present Constitution.

Resolved, That at such adjourned session the Grand Lodge of the United States will not entertain any motion for, or transact any business except that mentioned in the above resolution.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the several inquiries submitted by Rep. Forbes, of Mo., page 1400, have considered the same, and report:

1. That the first question is decided by the action of this Grand Lodge, vol. 2, page 1124.

2. That the *refusal*, or wilful neglect, of a member of a Subordinate Lodge to appear and answer to charges preferred against him, constitutes "contempt" within the meaning of the Section of the Digest referred to. Such neglect or refusal to appear on trial upon charges preferred, would render a member liable to punishment for contempt.

3. The third question is answered in the affirmative. A brother under suspension is still a member of his Lodge, although deprived of certain rights and privileges, and is subject to its laws in relation to discipline for unworthy conduct.

4. The 4th question is answered in the affirmative.

5. In reply to the 5th question, the Committee believe that the qualifications for membership are now clearly defined by the laws of this Grand Lodge—vide Digest, Sec. 29, Art. III., Div. 3.

6. In relation to the sixth question, the Committee beg leave to refer to Sec. 13, Art. III, Div. 3, of the Digest, and page 497, vol. 1, of the proceedings, for a full and explicit answer.

Upon the last question, viz: "Can a divorced wife testify upon the trial of her (former) husband under charges, according to Sec. 27, Art. 3 of the Digest, the Committee report, that if the divorce be "a vinculo matrimonii," she is no longer a *wife* to, and ceases to have any interest whatever, in the accused; hence she may be introduced; but if the divorce be merely "a mensa et thoro," the separation of the parties is not complete, and the committee report that she may not testify. Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following questions, submitted by Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., page 1404, viz:

"Can a State Grand Lodge legally approve of the By-Laws of a Subordinate under its jurisdiction containing a clause in a Section as follows: "Infidels shall not be proposed as members?"

"Can a Grand Master take part in the proceedings of his own Lodge, vote for membership, or on motions, debate, &c?"

Have considered the same and report:

1st. The laws and regulations of the Order clearly define the *qualifications* for membership. The Committee are of opinion that *propositions* for membership must be subject to the same laws. And since no peculiar religious views, which do not affect the belief of the person asking admission into the Order "in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe," can disqualify him for membership, neither can those views be allowed to interfere with the privilege of members in respect to propositions for admission.

2d. A Grand Master has a right to take part in the proceedings of his own Subordinate Lodge; vote for officers, membership, and on motions which come before it.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SMITH,
J. H. MANLY,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Smith, of Me., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was recommended the report in relation to the inquiries proposed by Rep. Mott, report:

That although they believe the question submitted to the committee fully answered in their previous report, they further reply, that a brother holding a withdrawal card has no *right* to join a procession of the Order, without the consent of the lodge by whom the procession is formed.

WM. R. SMITH,
J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Manly, of N. C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the second inquiry of Rep. Wakeley, of Wisconsin, to wit: "Whether a Grand Lodge can approve of a By-Law of its Subordinate containing the following Section?"

"Any member of the Lodge who shall be guilty of using spirituous or malt liquors, wine, or other intoxicating drinks, *as a beverage*, shall be liable to reprimand or suspension, and if persisted in, to expulsion," report:

That they cannot perceive any right, under the Constitution, nor have they heard of any fundamental principles of the Order, which allows Sub-Lodges to abridge the *liberties* of the citizen, and to dictate what he shall *eat, what he shall drink*, although they do sometimes speak of that wherewithal we shall be *clothed* as Odd-Fellows.

The Committee do not find any right, under the Constitution, whereby sub-Lodges may introduce *new principles*, by which the Order must be governed in their jurisdiction. All good Odd-Fellows despise, as such, the *abuse* of intoxicating drinks, and in their "war against vice," they look upon drunkenness as incompatible with every principle of the Order. But neither will the laws nor the principles of Odd-Fellowship descend to the restriction or regulation of the *beverage* of its members. While *temperance* is a cardinal principle of the Order, and must be observed, they will not attempt to enforce *total abstinence*, a principle never intended by the framers to be engrafted upon our Order.

As the introduction of a new principle, this Committee think it cannot be constitutionally approved, without a previous sanction from this body.

J. W. STOKES,
J. H. MANLY.

Rep. Manly, of N. C., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. John Cottrell, of Pa., from the proceedings of Covenant Lodge, No. 114, as being founded on an unconstitutional section of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, to wit: "In case the Lodge shall sentence a member to suspension as punishment for his offence, he may (after the expiration of the time for which he was suspended) apply in writing to be restored to membership, which application shall be referred to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to investigate his character and fitness for membership, and report their opinion in writing at a subsequent meeting of the Lodge—whereupon a ballot shall be had, and if two-thirds of the ballots sustain the opinion of the committee, it shall be recorded as the judgment of the Lodge, and the applicant be received or rejected accordingly"—report, that they do not perceive any conflict between said section and the Constitution of this G. Lodge. But the committee do perceive an interference with the established usages of the Order, and the reciprocal rights between

lodges and members. The **SUSPENSION** of a member is intended only a punishment **TEMPORARY**, to be regulated by the magnitude of his offence; it does not sever his connection with the Order entirely, and the moment the term fixed for the duration of his punishment or suspension expires, *ipso facto* the member returns to the full enjoyment of his position in his Lodge, without **FORM**. Every Lodge holds its members, undergoing punishment, responsible for dues and unworthy conduct during such disability, and it is but a reciprocal right of the member, after he has suffered all which his offence was judged to deserve, to be restored to full membership at once. If this were not the rule, a suspension would soon bring about an **EXPULSION** for non-payment of dues. The member would have no opportunity to defend himself.

The committee, therefore, think the section inexpedient and improper, and while they cannot object to its constitutionality, would respectfully recommend its abolishment.

Respectfully submitted.

W. R. SMITH,
J. H. MANLY,
J. W. STOKES.

Rep. Moore, of D. C., from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution recorded on page 1457 of the Journal, respectfully report:

That the mode of keeping the accounts of this Grand Lodge does not enable the committee to obtain the information called for by the resolution above designated. Its terms are such as would seem to require a statement of the total amount expended by this body on account of the works mentioned.

Your committee are likewise unable to determine what prices ought to be charged for those works. The items of printing, binding, &c. do not form their entire cost. The sale of them furnishes the principal revenue of this Grand Lodge. The Committee on Finance, therefore, could most appropriately regulate the price, as they are best qualified to judge whether the accruing revenue is likely to exceed the present wants of the Grand Lodge, or whether, in view of the additional burdens imposed upon its treasury, there is any probability of a deficit.

The undersigned ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. W. MOORE,
FRED. S. GARRITT,
WM. M. ALLEN.

Rep. Moore. from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully submit the following resolution, in relation to one of the subjects referred to them:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to revise and amend the Digest of the Laws of this Grand Lodge, so as to include an epitome of all the decisions and enactments that shall have been made up to the close of the present session; and, when the Digest be thus revised and amended, the Grand Secretary have the same stereotyped, and such number of copies printed, from time to time, as may be necessary to supply the demands of the Order.

WM. W. MOORE,
FRED. S. GARRITT,
WM. M. ALLEN.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, in order to supply the demand for the Journals.

WM. W. MOORE,
FRED. S. GARRITT
WM. M. ALLEN.

Resolved, That there be published a new edition of five hundred copies of the Journals of this Body, including its proceedings up to the close of the present session; that, previously to the printing of said edition, the present first volume be revised and amended, so as to exclude therefrom all extraneous or irrelevant matter; that a portion of the second volume be added to the first, and the proceedings of the last and present sessions be added to the second volume, in order to make two volumes of about eight hundred pages each; and that the indexes be revised and re-arranged, upon a uniform plan.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make the necessary corrections in the first volume and prepare the indexes, and the present Committee on Printing make the contract for the execution of that branch of the work, as well as the binding, the proposals to be sent to the chairman through the Grand Secretary, who shall, at as early a day as practicable after the close of the present session, invite proposals by advertising for four successive weeks, in one of the newspapers of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Resolved. That this edition of the Journals, when completed as above provided, be sold at three dollars for the two volumes; and, if it be not sufficient to supply the demand, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to print another edition of the same number of copies.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was ordered to lie upon the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Printing being informed that all the Lecture Books and Forms of Installation (except two) have been stereotyped, respectfully ask a concurrence in the following resolution.

WM. W. MOORE.
FRED. S. GARRITT.
WM. M. ALLEN.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to have the Form of Installation for Subordinate Lodges stereotyped, to correspond with the other works of this Order.

Rep. Moore, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that they have this day entered into contract with James Young, of the city of Baltimore, for stereotyping and furnishing five thousand copies (or more, if necessary) of the corrected Journal of the present session of this Grand Lodge, and have joined with the contractor in signing a written memorandum of the terms of the agreement, which they herewith present for the government of the officers in paying for the work, and to be filed in the archives of this body.

WM. W. MOORE,
WM. M. ALLEN,
FRED. S. GARRITT.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Hunt, of Md., by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That P. G. Roszell, of Md., be admitted to visit during the session.

P. G. Sire Kennedy asked and obtained leave to spread upon the Journal a paper expressing his reason for asking to be excused from voting upon the report and resolutions of the Special Committee on the State of the Order in N. York. Whereupon he presented the following paper:

Deeply anxious for amicable arrangement, and indeed not hostile to the general features of the plan proposed by the committee of three, but nevertheless averse to the exercise of the extreme power of altering the charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of N. York, and reassuming and disposing of a large portion of her territorial jurisdiction without the application or assent, and without opportunity for the said Grand Lodge to express her views, the undersigned respectfully declines to vote in favor of said resolutions, and asks to be excused from answering. J. A. KENNEDY, P. G. S.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, presented the Seal and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which he moved to refer to the Committee on Constitutions.

P. G. S. Kneass raised a point of order, "that the act creating the Grand Lodge of Northern New York having passed last night, is it in order to refer an alleged constitution of that body to the Committee

on Constitutions when the said Grand Lodge of Northern New York never has been instituted, and the alleged constitution could not therefore have been adopted by that body?"

The chair decided that by the action of the Grand Lodge last night, the Grand Lodge of Northern New York was recognized as having legal existence. Its existence being recognized as a legal organization, it is competent for the Grand Lodge to receive and refer a paper purporting to be the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York.

Rep. Frost, of Miss., appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the lodge?" the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, Anderson, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of N. H., Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Brunet, Cohen, Colfax, Clark, Crump, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Follett, Garritt, Green, Hunt, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moffet, Olds, Parmenter, Parker, Peacock, Phillips, Potts, (2 votes,) Read, Sanford, Strawbridge, (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakeley, Webster, Wilson, Wood; P. G. S. Hopkins—45.

NAYS.—Allen, Askew, Cole, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, Forbes, Morton, Sessford, (2 votes,) Stokes, Silsby. (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Towers, Wells; P. G. S's Kennedy, Kneass—20.

The question recurring upon the motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, to refer, it was agreed to.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., presented papers, purporting to be credentials from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, and moved to refer the same to the Committee on Credentials. Whereupon P. G. S. Kneass made a point of order:

"Whether this Grand Lodge can receive certificates of the election of the alleged representatives from the Grand Lodge of Northern N. York, and the representatives of the Grand Encampment of Northern N. York, bearing date the 10th of September, instant, when the act creating the said Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern N. York was adopted by us last night?"

The Chair answered that he did not arrogate to himself the power of decision on the Credentials of the members of this body. That power resides in the Grand Lodge itself, to be exercised on the report of its Committee on Credentials. The Chair has no jurisdiction over the subject. Whereupon the motion to refer was agreed to.

By unanimous leave of the Lodge,

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions report: The resolution presented by Rep. Barrows, of Miss., is answered by a report of the committee on page 1456 of the Journal.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time the hour arrived for considering the special order, viz: the amendment proposed by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, to the fourth resolution of the legislative committee, page 1498 Journal.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, moved to amend further, as follows :

Strike out all after the word "assessment," and insert the following, where it occurs the second time in the third line; "To be made in the ratio of Representation in the Grand Lodge."

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to lay the amendment offered by Rep. Clark, of Ohio, upon the table—which was agreed to

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Askew, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Brunet, Cole, Colfax, Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dickson, Ellison, (2 votes,) Frost, Follett, (2 votes,) Forbes, Garritt, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) Manly, (2 votes,) Moffet, Morton, Potts, (2 votes,) Read, (2 votes,) Sanford, Sessford, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Spooner, Tewksbury, Towers, Wakeley, (2 votes,) Webster; P. G. Sire Kneass—47.

NAYS.—Allen, Clark, Davies, Dibblee, Fritz, Green, Hunt, (2 votes,) Olds, Peacock, Stokes, Silsby, (2 votes,) Strawbridge, Wilson, Wells, Zimmerman; P. G. S. Hopkins—18.

Rep. Ballou, of Vt., moved further to amend, as follows:

"That to meet the payment of the said per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body, said assessment to be in proportion to the amount of the annual receipts of all the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of each State Grand Body respectively."

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved the previous question, which not being seconded by the Lodge, the question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio. Whereupon, Rep. Peacock, of Tenn., moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved to amend the amendment as follows:

Strike out the word "members."

The question being put on the motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., to strike out, and upon a count the Lodge being equally divided, the chair decided the motion to amend the amendment lost.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio,

P. G. S. Kneass moved indefinitely to postpone the subject, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, to amend, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the fourth resolution accompanying the

report of the Legislative Committee, as amended by the amendment of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Anderson, (2 votes,) Askew, Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Brunet, Colfax, Crump, (2 votes,) Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Follett, Forbes, Garritt, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) Manly, (2 votes,) Moffet, Morton, Parker, (2 votes,) Potts, (2 votes,) Read, (2 votes,) Sanford, Sessford, (2 votes,) Strawbridge, (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Spooner, (2 votes,) Towers, Treadway, Wakeley, (2 votes,) Webster, Wilson—46.

NAYS.—Allen, Davies, (2 votes,) Dibblee, (2 votes,) Dickson, Fritz, Frost, (2 votes,) Green, Hunt, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) Olds, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Peacock, Stokes, Silsby, Tewksbury, Wells, Zimmerman; P. G. S's Hopkins, Kneass—25.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., the lodge agreed to consider the report of the Special Committee, page 1501 Journal, recommending an adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the city of Cincinnati, for the consideration and amendment of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Which being under consideration, Rep. Askew, of Del., moved to amend the first resolution as follows:

Strike out the words "first Monday," and insert the words "second Monday."

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved further to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

To amend the 1st resolution, at 9th line, by adding after the words "the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States," the following words, "which shall be held in the City of Cincinnati."

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Askew, of Del., it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment as amended, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative, the yeas and nays appeared as follow:

YEAS.—Allen, Andrews, Anderson (2 votes,) Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown, of Ind., (2 votes,) Colfax, Clark, Crump, (2 votes,) Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Dibblee, Follett, Forbes, Garritt, Green, Knight, (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) McDonald, Marshall, (2 votes,) Moffett, Morton, Mott, Olds, Parker, (2 votes,) Peacock, Potts, (2 votes,) Sanford, Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, Spooner, Treadway, Wakeley, Webster, Wilson; Past Grand Sires Kennedy, Hopkins, Kneass.—48.

NAYS.—Askew, Ballou, Davies, Dickson, Fritz, Frost, (2 votes,) Hunt, Marley, Manly, (2 votes,) Read, (2 votes,) Sessford, (2 votes,) Stokes, Smith, of Del., Tewksbury, Towers, Wells, Zimmerman—21.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the lodge agreed to take

up the report and resolution of the Legislative Committee, pages 1489 Journal, touching the manner of conducting the legislation of the Grand Lodge, which being considered—

P. G. Sire Kennedy moved to strike out from the fifth resolution the words "next communication," and insert the words "adjourned meeting," which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of P. G. S. Hopkins, the lodge agreed to take up the report and resolutions of the committee, page 1491, recommending "Sutherland's Parliamentary Rules" for adoption by the Grand Lodge, when on his motion the same were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., the lodge agreed to take up reports of Committees lying on the table for consideration, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The report and resolutions of the committee, page 1488 Journal, authorizing the Grand Lodge of Texas to grant dispensations for one year, for instituting lodges, upon the application of three qualified members, was considered.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved to amend the resolution, by inserting the words "and Mississippi," after the word "Texas," first line, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolution, Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved to amend as follows:

Amend resolution, at the sixth line strike out the words "a well founded belief that at least," and insert "applications from."

On motion of Rep. Frost, of Mass., the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1472 upon the inquiry of Rep. Olds, of Ohio, in reference to applications for final cards, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance, same page Journal, relating to forms of installation and price of books was considered, and on motion of Rep. Peacock, of Tenn., indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1475 Journal, in answer to the inquiries of Rep. Burr, of N. C., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1475 Journal, in answer to the inquiry of Rep. Hunt, of Md., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1476 Journal, in answer to the second inquiry of Rep. Hunt, of Md., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1476 Journal, in answer to the inquiry of Rep. Moffett, of Mo., was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page, in answer to the inquiries of Rep. Hunt, in relation to conferring titles or honorary distinctions on P. Degree Masters, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page, in answer to the in-

quiries propounded by Rep. Barrows, of Miss., on page 1398 Journal, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1477 Journal, touching the resolutions of Rep. Treadway, of Mich., was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Appeals, page 1477 Journal, touching the matter of appeal of Alton Lodge, No. 2, of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1479, recommending the approval of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, with an amendment suggested, was considered.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., moved to amend the report by striking out all after the word "*approved*" in the third line, which was not agreed to, and the question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was agreed to.

Rep. Knight, of R. Island, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn for thirty minutes, which was not agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1490, Journal, recommending the approval of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance, page 1491 Journal, upon the subject of refunding monies to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, with the accompanying resolutions, was considered. Rep. Potts of Illinois, moved to adopt the same. A division of the question was asked, and the question being on the first resolution, it was agreed to. The question then being on the second resolution, it was ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1492 Journal, in answer to an inquiry of Rep. Marshall, of Ky., touching the granting permission to subordinate lodges by a Grand Lodge to hold semi-monthly meetings, was considered and adopted.

The Report of the same committee, same page, defining the qualifications of Grand Representatives, so far as relates to the necessity of their being contributing members of an encampment, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page, construing the 30th Article of the by-laws, and defining particularly its meaning in answer to the inquiry of Rep. Askew, of Del., was considered and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, September 22, 5 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present—Robt. H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, report:

That all dues that have been paid by the subordinate lodges in Arkansas under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be returned to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas from the 26th of April, 1849, that being the date of their institution.

A. K. MARSHALL,
GEO. B. DICKSON.

The lodge resumed again the consideration of reports of Committees, lying on the table, and now in order.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1494 Journal, recommending the confirmation of the decisions of the Grand Sire during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance, same page Journal, touching the receipts for account of Wildey and Honolulu funds, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Returns, same page Journal, was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Petitions, page 1500 Journal, in reply to the application from the Grand Rep. of Arkansas, asking that the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that state may be extended over the Indian Country, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1501 Journal, recommending the return of the sum of \$30 to G. Rep. Brown, of Indiana, was considered and adopted, and the recommendation therein contained directed to be carried into effect.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1502 Journal, in reply to various inquiries submitted by Rep. Forbes, at page 1400 Journal, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1503, in reply to the inquiries propounded by Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., at page 1404 Journal, asking whether a by-law of a lodge declaring that "Infidels shall not be proposed as members" may be legally approved by a State Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The Report of the same committee, same page, in reply to the inquiry of Rep. Mott, of La., whether a brother holding a withdrawal card can join in a procession without the consent of the lodge, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, same page Journal, in reply to the inquiries of Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., whether a by-law of a Subordinate Lodge "forbidding the use of spirituous or malt liquors, wine, or other intoxicating drinks, can be approved by a State Grand Lodge," was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1504, in the matter of appeal of Bro. John Cottrell, of Pa., was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Printing, page 1505 Journal, in reply to the resolution of Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, page 1457 Journal, touching

the cost of printing lecture and charge books, and proper prices to be charged for them, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent of the lodge, the regular order of business was suspended, and Rep. Sessford, of D. of C., from the majority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials to whom were referred the certificates of P. G. M. Wm. L. G. Smith and P. G. W. W. Wallace, claiming seats as Representatives from the Grand Lodge of *Northern* New York, beg leave to report:

That they cannot admit the correctness and authenticity of the certificates for the following reasons:

1st. That they have no evidence (on inquiry of the Grand Secretary) that this Grand Lodge has more than 1000 members, no information at all in regard to said body being in his possession.

2d. That the credentials are dated 10th Sept., 1849, being near two weeks anterior to the establishment of said Grand Lodge by this body.

3d. That the seal on the certificates bears date 1823, and does not appear to be the seal of the Grand Lodge of *Northern* New York, but of "New York."

4th. That this Grand Lodge having decided (page 129, vol. 1.) that the Committee on Credentials must examine into the *authenticity* of the certificates of Representatives, we find that these certificates are interlined "*Northern*" New York, when it is evident that this was not done by the proper authorities, sufficient time not having elapsed since the establishment of the Northern Grand Lodge of New York for that purpose.

The same objections exist in regard to the certificates of P. C. P. David D. Egan and P. C. P. Hiram P. Rowel, claiming seats from the Grand Encampment of the same jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SESSFORD, JR.
B. F. ZIMMERMAN.

Rep. Parmenter, from the minority of the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Credentials, has with his associates had under consideration the certificates of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern New York, and asks leave to submit the following statement:

That in the report of the Special Committee on the subject of the condition of the Order in the State of New York, he gave his assent to propositions which, recognizing the legal existence of the Grand Bodies in Northern New York from dates prior to the present session of this Grand Lodge, would have legitimated the election of their officers now incumbent.

It was the pleasure of this Grand Lodge so far to change the character of these propositions as it regarded the time of such recognition of the legal existence of those bodies, and this change has had the effect of rendering irregular the certificates of their Representatives. The undersigned believing that the original plan of compromise and adjustment has not been departed from, and that the recognition of those bodies as fully organized and furnished with proper officers followed its adoption, recommends the admission of the Representatives to their seats.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved the adoption of the minority report, which was not agreed to; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Anderson, (2 votes,) Ballou, Barrows, (2 votes,) Colfax Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Follett, Garritt, Green, Knight (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) Olds, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Parker, (2 votes,) Read, Sanford, Spooner, Treadway Webster—28.

NAYS.—Allen, Andrews, Askew, Clark, Dickson, Fritz, Frost. (2 votes,) Forbes, Hale, (2 votes,) Manly, (2 votes,) Moffett, Morton, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes,) Sessford, (2 votes,) Stokes, Silsby, 2 votes,) Strawbridge, (2 votes,) Smith, of Me., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Towers, Wilson, Wells; Past Grand Sires Kennedy and Kneass—33.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved to adopt the majority report.

Rep. Anderson, of Ga., moved to amend the majority report as follows:

Resolved, That the Credentials of Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern New York, being informal, the said Representatives therefrom cannot be admitted to their seats in this body.

Resolved, That the said Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment be ordered to have the date of their seals changed to correspond with their names and date of their charters.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the previous question, which was not seconded by the Lodge. Rep. Hale, of N. Y., moved the indefinite postponement of the amendment, which was not agreed to. The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Anderson, of Ga. in the nature of a substitute for the majority report, it was agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Allen, Andrews, Anderson, (2 votes,) Ballou, Barrows, 2 votes,) Brown, Ind., (2 votes,) Colfax, Clark, Della Torre, DeSaussure, (2 votes,) Fritz, Follett, Garritt, Green, Knight (2 votes,) Lockwood, (2 votes,) Marshall, (2 votes,) Manly, (2 votes,) Moffett, Olds, Parmenter, (2 votes,) Parker, (2 votes,) Read, (2 votes,) Sanford, Shaw, Silsby, Strawbridge, (2 votes,) Smith of Me., (2 votes,) Spooner, Treadway, Wakeley, (2 votes,) Webster—46.

NAYS.—Askew, Dickson, Frost, (2 votes,) Forbes, Hale, (2 votes,)

Morton, Peacock, Potts, (2 votes,) Sessford, (2 votes,) Stokes, Dibblee, Smith, of Del., Tewksbury, (2 votes,) Towers, Wilson, Wells; Past Grand Sire Kneass—22.

The name of P. G. Sire Kennedy being called by the Secretary, he declined answering. Whereupon P. G. Sire Kneass required the vote of P. G. Sire Kennedy to be recorded.

The Chair decided that, under the 20th Rule of Order, no member can claim the privilege of speaking or voting unless clothed in regalia, and occupying his seat; while under rule 42 every member may be required to vote, unless excused by the Lodge. P. G. Sire Kennedy, when his name was called in regular course, not being in regalia or in his seat, was not entitled to vote; it is for the Lodge to require P. G. Sire Kennedy to resume his regalia, and his seat, and to vote. A motion was then made to require P. G. S. Kennedy to resume his seat and vote, which was not concurred in.

Rep. Marshall, of Ky., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That P. G. Master Wm. L. G. Smith and P. G. Wm. W. Wallace, and P. C. P's David D. Egan and Hiram P. Rowell, be invited to visit this Grand Lodge during the remainder of the session.

Objection being raised, that under the rule, (sec. 10, page 22 Digest,) all visitors must be introduced by the motion of a Representative from the State in which such visiter resides, Rep. Marshall, of Ky., waived the resolution. P. G. Sire Kennedy moved a like resolution, objection to which was raised by Rep. Hale, of N. York, on the ground that P. G. Sire Kennedy was not a Representative of a Grand Body, as the rule prescribed. Whereupon Rep. Davies, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Dibblee, of N. York, offered the resolution, which was *unanimously* agreed to.

Leave of absence, on motion, was granted for the remainder of the session to Reps. Askew, Dickson and Smith, of Del.; Reps. Brown and Currier, of N. H.; Rep. Cohen, of Ga.; Rep. Webster, of R. I.; Rep. Wakeley, of Wis.; Wood, of N. J.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Torre, of S. C., moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of nine be appointed to enquire into the expediency of procuring a suitable block of marble, granite or other stone, to be contributed on behalf of this Body towards the Monument now erecting in the City of Washington in honor of the Father of his country.

Resolved, That if the said committee be satisfied of the propriety of the measure, that they be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the G. L. U. S. for any sum (not exceeding \$300) to carry the same into execution.

The Chair named as the committee Reps. Torre, of S. C.; Anderson, of Ga.; Parmenter, of Mass.; Dibblee, of N. Y.; Mott, of La.; Crump, of Va.; Towers, of D. of C.; Fritz, of Pa.; Colfax, of Ind.

Rep. Mott, of La., from the committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report: That they have examined the Constitution submitted on the part of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York.

The Constitution was drawn for application to the whole State of New York.

The Charter of that body having restricted their territorial limits, and granted peculiar jurisdiction, and has so essentially changed the situation of the members of that body, as to render it impossible, at this late period of the session of this Lodge, for your committee to make all the necessary alterations and changes in the same. Your committee have not read the Constitution with very great care, but one provision therein, Act. 2, Sec. 4, provides that the District Grand Committees shall meet and hold their sessions in the P. N. G's Degree, which evidently conflicts with the laws of the Order, as to be found in the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1125, vol. 2 of Journal. The Grand Lodge Degree cannot be used in any other body.

Another provision which your committee thinks repugnant to the law of the Order, is the power vested in the District Grand Committees to expel members of the Grand Lodge. No such power can be vested in any other body than the Grand Lodge.

Another objectionable provision is found in Art. 6, Sec. 1, providing that the Grand Master may be expelled from his office on a majority vote, for refusing to allow an appeal, while all other officers can only be removed by a two-thirds vote.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that this Constitution be returned to said Grand Lodge, and that they be instructed to amend and perfect the same in accordance with their wants, the views of this report, and the laws of the Order, and to submit the same at the next Annual Session, as so amended.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. MOTT,
JOHN J. DAVIES,
W. A. MOFFETT.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., propounded the following enquiry to the Chair:

What is the official term of a representative in this Grand Lodge? Does it date from the time of his election, or from the commencement of the session?

The Chair answered that the term of representatives commences with the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, next succeeding their election or appointment, and read from the Digest, page 19, sec. 3.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

On motion of Rep. Mott, of La., the Lodge agreed to take up the second branch of the report of the Committee on Constitutions, (page 1439) recommending the approval of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New York, as amended, which was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Printing, page 1505, touching the revision and amendment of the Digest, was considered, and

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on Printing, page 1506 Journal, relating to a revision and republication of the Journal, was considered, and on motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the same Committee on Printing, same page Journal, directing the stereotyping of the Installation Forms, was considered and adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1507 Journal, detailing contract made for printing revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1450 of the Journal, upon various subjects therein contained, beg leave to report:

That so far as the resolution of the Grand Camp of Ohio is concerned, it is inexpedient to grant such power, because members of the scarlet degree desirous of petitioning for an encampment charter, can generally be elevated in subordinate encampments, and should be so elevated before their petition.

That in relation to the resolution offered by Rep. Dickson, of Del., they are of opinion that further legislation on that subject is unnecessary, because past official degrees are honors conferred for services rendered, and should not be granted for any pecuniary consideration.

That as to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, they would observe that when the official term of office of subordinate lodges was changed, they are not aware that the Q. P. W. was necessarily changed, and consider that that subject is within the jurisdiction of the several Grand Bodies, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

SOLOMON COHEN,
S. H. PARKER,
WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Rep. Moffet, of Mo., moved to amend the report of the committee as follows, which was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges have the option to change the Password quarterly, instead of semi-annually, when in their opinion it shall be for the interest of the Order in their respective jurisdictions.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire and report "upon the propriety of changing the rules so that the installation of Grand Officers shall take place immediately after the reading of the Journal on the first day of the session," beg leave to report:

That they recommend the change should be made as suggested

in the resolution. It is certainly improper and anomalous that an officer who is on the point of vacating the chair should appoint the committees who are to conduct the business of the lodge under his successor. They propose that the 12th rule of order be amended as to read as follows:

“Election of officers shall take place on the second day of the session in the year when the election is regularly to be held, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately after the reading of the journal on the first day of the session in the year when the installation is regularly to take place.

SOLOMON COHEN,

S. H. PARKER,

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE.

Rep. Read, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance report that in the discharge of the duties committed to them they have carefully examined the books and other documents of both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, with their vouchers.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows:

Balance cash on hand, Sept. 20th, 1848, as per report of the Committee of Finance of that date,	\$4,756 76
Cash paid to Treasurer by the Secretary, from Sept. 21, 1848, to Sept. 19, 1849, for the Rep. tax, cards, interest, &c.	10,103 91
Loan from Savings Bank of Baltimore,	4,000 00
Total,	\$18,860 67
Amount paid by Grand Treasurer, as per his account stated from Sept. 21, 1848, to Sept. 19, 1849,	\$7,818 76½
Amount loaned P. G. Sire Wildey,	8,000 00
	\$15,818 76½
Total balance in Treasury,	\$3,041 90½

The following claims against the G. Lodge have been examined and allowed:

Horn R. Kneass, P. G. Sire, travelling expenses, session 1849,	\$25 00
Postage, &c.	20 50
N. A. Thompson, P. D. G. Sire, travelling expenses, session of 1849,	60 00
Smith S. Skinner, P. G. Marshal, travelling expenses, session of 1849,	25 00
Samuel L. Harris, P. G. Guardian, expenses, session of 1849,	12 00

Benjamin Mifflin's bill, printing copies of Grand Sire Kneass' report,	10 00
John Neagle's bill, portrait of P. G. Sire Glazier, ordered by the Grand Lodge of the U. S.	100 00
Wm. Curtis' bill, copy of journal Grand Lodge of the U. S., 1st and 2d volume, and one Digest for California Lodge, No. 1,	4 25
Samuel L. Harris' bill, recording unwritten work, by authority of Grand Lodge of the United States, last session, vol. 3, page 183,	20 00

Making, \$276 75

Your committee would also recommend an appropriation to meet the following bills, viz:

Robert H. Griffin, Grand Sire, travelling expenses, session of 1849,	\$130 00
A. S. Kellogg, D. G. Sire, do do	100 00
John R. Johnson, G. Marshal. do do	100 00
E. M. P. Wells, Grand Chaplain, do do	60 00
John E. Chamberlain, Grand Messenger, and sundries furnished the present session,	21 50
S. H. Lewyt, Grand Guardian,	10 00

\$421 50

This Grand Lodge holds 64 shares Ohio 6 per cent. stock, for which has been paid,	\$6,017 00
Maryland State stock,	2,800 00

\$8,817 00

On which has been borrowed from Savings Bank of Baltimore, due January, 1850,	4,000 00
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\$4,817 00

Loan to P. G. Sire Wildey, secured by bond and mortgage, and judgments duly recorded on the records of the State of Maryland,	8,000 00
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\$12,817 00

All which is fraternally submitted,

**SAMUEL READ,
W. W. DIBBLEE,
WM. A. WELLS.**

Resolved, That the proper officers draw on the Grand Treasurer for the several claims reported above, and appropriations recommended.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-two hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of officers' salaries, &c., viz: Grand Secretary, \$1,200, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer; Grand Treasurer, \$200, payable quarterly on his own receipt; Grand Messenger, \$500, payable quarterly on his own order on the Treasurer.

On motion of Rep. Knight, of Rhode Island, the Lodge agreed to take up the preamble and resolutions submitted by him, page 1472 Journal.

The subject being under consideration, a division of the question was asked, when Rep. Knight, of Rhode Island, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the preamble, whereupon, on motion of P. G. Sire Kneass, the resolution was *unanimously* adopted.

Rep. Read from the Committee on Finance, reported the following resolutions, which were considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the amount of the Wildey Fund, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, together with such sums as may hereafter be donated, be applied towards the liquidation of the debt due by P. G. S. Wildey to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the order of P. G. S. Wildey the amount of donations made by the various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to the annuity fund, in response to the resolution of last session, and such further sums as may be received from time to time for this object.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby consents that the M. W. Grand Sire shall appoint and commission a special G. Representative from this Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its next session; provided, in his opinion the interests of the Order require it.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the adjourned meeting to be held in Cincinnati, with power to select a room for the meetings, and to contract for printing the daily Journal.

The Chair named Reps. Spooner, Clarke and Green, as the committee.

Rep. Torre, of S. C., submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote collectively on all questions arising before the Grand Lodge; provided the Past Grand Sires be not Representatives.

Rep. Dibblee, of N. Y., seconded by Rep. Hale, of N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be authorized so soon as he shall have been advised officially by the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern New York respectively, of the selection by those Bodies of their location, to issue a Charter in proper form of law to the officers and members of said Bodies respectively, and either in person or by deputation to deliver the same formally.

Rep. Garritt, of Ark., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of monies paid into the Treasury of the G. Lodge of the United States, by the Subordinate Lodges in the State of Arkansas, as dues, subsequent to the granting of a warrant for the institution of a Grand Lodge in that state, which warrant was issued on the 26th of April, 1849, be refunded to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., moved to amend, by striking out the words "to the granting of a warrant for the institution," and insert "from the institution of."

On motion of Rep. Frost, of Mass., the whole subject was indefinitely postponed

Rep. Crump, of Va., moved to take up so much of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business as related to the proposed amendments of the Constitution touching the seats and votes of P. G. Sires, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Strawbridge, of La., moved the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That there shall be made a uniform translation of the Work of the Order, for the use of the French and Spanish Lodges of this jurisdiction; provided, that all such Subordinate Lodges shall continue to keep one copy of their minutes in the English language.

Resolved, That the Representatives of La. be appointed to supervise the translation of the Work of Subordinate Lodges in the French and Spanish languages respectively, and that they have the same printed; provided the cost of such translations do not exceed the sum of \$100 for each language.

Rep. Colfax of Ind., submitted the following amendments to the Constitution, which were laid on the table:

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting, unless they be Representatives, excepting always the first Grand Sire of the Order, Thomas Wildey, who shall always be entitled to vote on all questions.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., seconded by Rep. Frost, of Mass., submitted the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article 10th of Constitution be amended, by inserting after the word "vote" in the sixth line "for every one thousand members."

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., seconded by Rep. Morton, of Tenn., submitted the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article 11th of Constitution be amended as follows: strike out the word "annually" in the first line and insert "biennially."

Resolved, That the first election shall take place under this law in the year 1851.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., seconded by Rep. Morton, of Tenn., submitted the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article 31 of Constitution be amended as follows: strike out in the 8th line the words "stated meeting," and insert "third day."

Rep. Frost, of Mass., offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That no Representative can be recognized upon the floor of this Grand Lodge at any future session unless clothed in the full regalia of a Grand Representative.

Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representative Tax assessed by Art. XII, Sec. 4, be, and is hereby ordered to be hereafter appropriated towards the payment of expenses of Representatives, as provided for in the amendment to Art XII, adopted at this session.

Resolved, That the officers of this Lodge in making an assessment in conformity with resolutions adopted at this session, shall make an assessment merely for such sums as may be necessary, in addition to the Representative Tax.

Rep. Crump, of Va., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which, on his motion, was laid on the table.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE R. W. }

G. L. OF VA., RICHMOND, 10th April, 1849. }

Extract from the minutes, April session, 1849. P. G. Brunet, from the Committee on the Wildey Fund, presented their report, which was read, received and adopted unanimously, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the papers accompanying the Grand Master's Journal, in relation to the project of raising a "Wildey Fund" and a "Wildey Annuity," proposed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report:

That it appears by the report of a Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States that Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey's pecuniary affairs became embarrassed, and by resolution of that R. W. body, "whatever unappropriated balance might remain in the treasury after the close of that communication was to be applied to the purchase of the incumbrances on the property of the Past Grand Sire." As the report accompanying the resolution suggests, it was not intended that the Grand Lodge should bear the whole brunt of this project of relief. Resolutions were, therefore, adopted, instructing the Grand Secretary to write to the presiding officers to refer the subject to the Subordinates. By another resolution, whatever contributions should be made by the Subordinates were to be received by the Grand Corresponding Secretary from the Secretaries, &c. of the different State Grand Lodges, by express direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The subject of the distress of P. G. Sire Wildey and the opportunity for our Subordinates to assist in his relief has hitherto failed to come before our Lodges in the proper way.

Notwithstanding the resolutions accompanying the report marked out for the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary a plain course for him to pursue in order to get this matter before our Lodges, he thought proper to pursue a different method. Instead of writing to the Grand Master of this jurisdiction, requesting that officer to bring the subject to the attention of the Subordinates, he has printed a number of circulars, which he causes to be sent directly to our Lodges. On the application of the Grand Master for the reasons of this departure from duty by the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, the last named officer answers, that after "consultation with the Grand Sire, it was found wholly impracticable to work the matter in the literal form of the resolution," because of the expense which would be thrown upon the State Grand Lodges.

The undersigned consider the reasons of the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary unsatisfactory, even when fortified by the opinion of the R. W. Grand Sire, as they think it would be impossible for us to require a proper respect towards the "head of the Or-

der," by Subordinates in this jurisdiction, if that body is to permit its own officers to set aside its mandates whenever their convenience or disposition should prompt them to do so.

They beg leave to offer the following resolution.

J. M. H. BRUNET,
BENJ. F. GRAYSON,
F. C. PITCHER.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing report be presented to the next Grand Lodge of the United States by the representatives of this Grand Lodge.

After prayer by the R. W. G. Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned until the second Monday in September, 1850.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, G. C. & R. Sec'y.

OFFICERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE U. S. I. O. O. F.

Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire,	Savannah, Ga.
Asher S. Kellogg, R. W. D. G. Sire,	Detroit, Mich.
Jas. L. Ridgely, R. W. G. C. and R. Sec.,	Baltimore, Md.
Andrew E. Warner, R. W. G. Treasurer,	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. E. M. P. Wells, W. G. Chaplain,	Boston, Mass.
John R. Johnson, W. G. Marshal,	Savannah, Ga.
Solomon H. Lewyt, W. G. Guardian,	Baltimore, Md.
John E. Chamberlain, W. G. Messenger,	Baltimore, Md.

REPRESENTATIVES.*

P. C. P. William M. Allen,	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. M. John W. Anderson,	Savannah, Ga.
G. M. <i>H. F. Askev,</i>	Wilmington, Del.
P. H. P. <i>H. Porter Andrews,</i>	New Orleans, La.
P. H. P. Eli Ballou,	Montpelier, Vt.
P. G. M. <i>D. N. Barrows,</i>	Jackson, Miss.
P. G. P. <i>Stephen Brown,</i>	Concord, N. H.
P. G. M. William H. Brown,	Jackson, Miss.
P. G. <i>George Brown,</i>	Madison, Ind.
P. G. Talcott Burr,	Wilmington, N. C.
P. G. <i>James M. H. Brunet,</i>	Petersburg, Va.
P. G. Jacob P. Chapman,	Indianapolis, Ind.
P. G. <i>Solomon Cohen,</i>	Savannah, Ga.
P. G. H. P. Raymond Cole,	Boston, Mass.
P. H. P. Schuyler Colfax,	South Bend, Ind.
P. C. P. <i>H. Neilson Clark,</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. C. P. <i>Amos B. Currier,</i>	Concord, N. H.
P. C. P. <i>Benjamin F. Crane,</i>	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G. W. W. Crump,	} Richmond, Va.
vice Wm. L. Boak, resigned,	
P. G. John J. Davies,	New York, N. Y.
P. G. M. Peter Della Torre,	Charleston, S. C.
G. M. <i>Wilmot G. DeSaussure,</i>	Charleston, S. C.
P. C. P. W. W. Dibblee,	New York, N. Y.
P. G. George B. Dickson,	Dover, Del.
P. G. Israel Disosway,	Newbern, N. C.
P. G. M. <i>William Eltison,</i>	Boston, Mass.
P. G. Peter Fritz,	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. <i>Joseph B. Frost, Jr.,</i>	Boston, Mass.
P. G. M. <i>Benjamin Follett,</i>	Ypsilanti, Mich.

* Those in italics are members of the next Grand Lodge of the United States.

P. D. G. M. <i>Isaiah Forbes</i> ,	St. Louis, Mo.
G. Sec. <i>Frederick S. Garritt</i> ,	Little Rock, Ark.
P. G. <i>Richard Green</i> ,	Dayton, Ohio.
P. G. M. <i>Allen Haines</i> ,	Portland, Maine.
P. G. <i>James W. Hale</i> ,	New York, N. Y.
P. C. P. <i>John G. Hastings</i> ,	Port Gibson, Miss.
G. C. <i>John W. Hunt</i> ,	Baltimore, Md.
P. D. G. M. <i>Wm. W. Knight</i> ,	Providence, R. I.
P. G. <i>Samuel Lockwood, Jr.</i> , }	Stamford, Conn.
vice <i>J. T. Minor</i> , resigned, }	
P. G. <i>David McDonald</i> , }	Racine, Wis.
vice <i>L. P. Lott</i> , }	Baltimore, Md.
P. G. M. <i>Richard Marley</i> ,	Lexington, Ky.
P. G. M. <i>A. K. Marshall</i> ,	Raleigh, N. C.
P. G. <i>John H. Manly</i> ,	Lexington, Ky.
P. G. <i>Wright Merrick</i> ,	Hannibal, Mo.
P. G. <i>William A. Moffett</i> ,	Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. <i>W. W. Moore</i> ,	Nashville, Tenn.
G. Sec. <i>Elijah Morton</i> ,	New Orleans, La.
P. G. <i>Robert Mott</i> ,	Circleville, Ohio.
P. G. M. <i>Edson B. Olds</i> ,	Cambridge, Mass.
P. G. M. <i>William E. Parmenter</i> ,	Dover, N. H.
P. G. M. <i>Samuel H. Parker</i> ,	Macon, Ga.
P. C. P. <i>George Patton</i> ,	Nashville, Tenn.
P. G. <i>James Peacock</i> , }	Warrenton, Va.
vice <i>G. P. Smith</i> , resigned, }	Galena, Ill.
P. G. M. <i>W. F. Phillips</i> ,	Mt. Holly, N. J.
P. G. M. <i>John G. Potts</i> , }	New Haven, Conn.
vice <i>H. E. Roberts</i> , }	Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. <i>Samuel Read</i> ,	Mobile, Ala.
P. G. <i>William E. Sanford</i> ,	Philadelphia, Pa.
vice <i>P. G. H. P. Townsend</i> , }	Mobile, Ala.
resigned, }	New Orleans, La.
P. G. M. <i>John Sessford, Jr.</i> ,	Augusta, Me.
P. G. M. <i>Robert O. Shaw</i> ,	Wilmington, Del.
P. G. M. <i>John W. Stokes</i> ,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. <i>John Silsby</i> ,	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. <i>James Strawbridge</i> ,	New York, N. Y.
P. G. M. <i>William R. Smith</i> ,	Baltimore, Md.
P. G. M. <i>John Fairfax Smith</i> ,	Gardiner, Me.
P. G. M. <i>Thomas Spooner</i> ,	Davenport, Iowa.
vice <i>P. G. John Brough</i> , resigned, }	New Haven, Conn.
P. G. M. <i>James H. Taylor</i> ,	Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. <i>Joseph R. Taylor</i> ,	
G. Sec. <i>G. D. Tewksbury</i> ,	
P. C. P. <i>Frederick P. Theobald</i> ,	
P. G. <i>James Thorington</i> ,	
P. G. P. <i>Lucius A. Thomas</i> ,	
P. G. M. <i>John T. Towers</i> ,	

P. G. M. Alfred Treadway,
 P. G. E. *Wakely*,
 P. C. P. John H. Wakefield,
 P. C. P. *Henry L. Webster*,
 P. G. *George W. Wilson*,
 P. G. *William A. Wells*,
 P. G. John Winder,
 P. G. *Joseph Wood*,
 D. G. M. B. F. Zimmerman,

Pontiac, Mich.
 Whitewater, Wis.
 Lambertville, N. J.
 Providence, R. I.
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Reading, Pa.
 Detroit, Mich.
 Trenton, N. J.
 Baltimore, Md.

P. G. M. Hugh Edmonstone Montgomerie, Special Grand Representative from the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America, Montreal, Canada.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey,
 " " Samuel H. Perkins,
 " " Zenas B. Glazier,
 " " John A. Kennedy,
 " " Howell Hopkins,
 " " Thomas Sherlock,
 " " Horn R. Kneass,

Baltimore, Md.
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Wilmington, Del.
 New York, N. Y.
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1850.

Vermont—Eli Ballou,
 Florida—John N. Lewis,
 S. Illinois—Charles H. Constable,
 N. Illinois—G. W. Woodward
 Arkansas—Frederick S. Garritt,

Montpelier, Vt.
 Savannah, Ga.
 Mt. Carmel, Ill.
 Galena, Ill.
 Little Rock, Ark.

ADJOURNED SESSION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Cincinnati, September. 1850.

CINCINNATI, Monday, September 9, 1850.

This being the day appointed for the commencement of the Adjourned Session of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, the Officers and Representatives present in the City assembled at Odd-Fellows' Hall, in Cincinnati, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The M. W. G. Sire took the Chair and called the Representatives to order. The Grand Secretary being absent, P. G. M. I. Hefley was appointed Grand Secretary *pro tem*.

The roll was then called, when the following officers and representatives answered to their names:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN,	- - - - -	M. W. G. Sire.
ASHER S. KELLOGG,	- - - - -	R. W. D. Grand Sire.
H. A. CRANE	- - - - -	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	- - - - -	W. G. Messenger.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT,	- - - - -	W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; J. J. Davies, Southern N. Y.; J. W. Hale, do.; John Sessford, Jr., D. C.; Samuel Read, N. J.; Jacob P. Chapman, Ia.; George Brown, do.; Robt. O. Shaw, Ala.; Stephen Brown, N. H.; David McDonald, Wisconsin; J. Thorington, Iowa.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Raymond Cole, Mass; John W. Stokes, Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; James M. H. Brunet, Va.; S. Colfax, Ia., William E. Sanford, Ct. P. G. Sires—John A. Kennedy and Thomas Sherlock.

A quorum not being present, the M. W. Grand Sire adjourned the meeting until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CINCINNATI, Tuesday morning, }
 Sept. 10—10 o'clock A. M. }

The Grand Representatives re-assembled this day. M. W. G. Sire Robt. H. Griffin in the chair. The G. Secretary called the roll, when the following officers and representatives answered to their names:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
 ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - - R. W. D. Grand Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
 H. A. CRANE, - - - R. W. Grand Marshal.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - - W. G. Messenger.
 S. H. LEWYT, - - - W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; John J. Davies, Southern N. Y.; Peter Fritz, Pa.; Jno. Sessford, Jr., D. C.; Jno. F. Smith, Del.; Saml. Read, N. J.; George Brown, J. P. Chapman, Ia.; D. N. Barrows, Miss; John G. Potts, Ill.; S. H. Parker, S. Browne, N. H.; E. Wakeley, D. McDonald, Wis; J. Thorington, Iowa; John Silsby, Robert O. Shaw, Ala.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. D. Tewksbury, Md.; John W. Stokes, Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; Joseph Wood, N. J.; W. E. Sanford, Ct.; J. M. H. Brunet, Va.; R. Cole, Mass.; A. B. Currier, N. H.; S. Colfax, Ia.; John Winder, Mich.; H. F. Askew, Del.

The Grand Secretary reported that thirteen Grand Lodges and eleven Grand Encampments were present, whereupon the Grand Sire declared that no quorum was present, and adjourned the meeting until this afternoon at five o'clock.

TUESDAY, Sept. 10, 1850—5 o'clock P. M.

The Representatives re-assembled pursuant to adjournment, when Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, took the chair.

The Grand Secretary having called the roll, the following officers and representatives answered to their names:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
 ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - - R. W. D. G. Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
 H. A. CRANE, - - - R. W. Grand Marshal.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - W. G. Messenger.
 S. H. LEWYT, - - - W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; John J. Davies, Southern N. Y.; Peter Fritz, Pa.; Jno. Sessford, Jr., D. C.; Jno. F. Smith, Del.; Saml. Read, N. J.; George Brown, J. P. Chapman, Ia.; D. N. Barrows, Miss.; John G. Potts, Ill.; J. Silsby, R. O. Shaw, Ala., S. Browne, S. H. Parker, N. H.; E. Wakeley, D. McDonald, Wis.; J. Thorington, Iowa.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. D. Tewksbury, Md.; J. W. Stokes Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; Joseph Wood, N. J.; W. E. Sanford, Ct.; J. M. H. Brunet, Va.; R. Cole, Mass.; A. B. Currier, N. H.; S. Colfax, Ia.; John Winder, Mich.; H. F. Askew, Del.

Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that no quorum being present, the meeting was adjourned over until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Sept. 11—10 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Representatives re-assembled this day pursuant to adjournment M. W. G. Sire Robert H Griffin took the chair, and the roll being called, the following officers and representatives answered to their names:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
 ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - - R. W. D. G. Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
 H. A. CRANE, - - - - - R. W. G. Marshal.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - W. G. Messenger.
 S. H. LEWYT, - - - - - W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; John J. Davies, Southern N. Y.; Peter Fritz, Pa.; Jno. Sessford, Jr., D. C.; Jno. F. Smith, Del.; Saml. Read, N. J.; George Brown, J. P. Chapman, Ia.; D. N. Barrows, Miss.; John G. Potts, Ill.; J. Silaby, R. O. Shaw, Ala.; S. Browne, S. H. Parker, N. H.; E. Wakeley, D. McDonald, Wis.; J. Thorington, Iowa.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. D. Tewksbury, Md.; J. W. Stokes, Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; Joseph Wood, N. J.; W. E. Sanford, Ct.; J. M. H. Brunet, Va.; R. Cole, Mass.; A. B. Currier, N. H.; S. Colfax, Ia.; John Winder, Mich.; H. F. Askew, Del.

Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that no quorum was present, and adjourned the meeting until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Credentials were presented by the following Representatives from their respective Grand Bodies, which could not be received for want of a quorum:

G. L. of Northern N. Y.—Wm. L. G. Smith, W. W. Wallace.
 G. E. of Northern N. Y.—David D. Egan, Hiram P. Rowel.
 G. E. of Maryland—William Bayley.
 G. E. of Missouri—John Libby.
 G. L. of Missouri—Charles M. Valteau.
 G. E. of D. C.—Frederick D. Stuart.

G. L. of Connecticut—Townsend P. Abell, Junius M. Willey.
 G. E. of Southern New York—Thomas M. Clark.
 G. E. of Pennsylvania—William Curtis.
 G. L. of Illinois—Stephen A. Corneau.
 G. L. of D. C.—W. B. Magruder.
 G. E. of Wisconsin—Henry B. Hinsdale.
 G. E. of Ohio—E. M. Fitch.
 G. L. of Tennessee—E. G. Steel, J. D. Danbury.

THURSDAY, Sept. 12, 1850—10 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Representatives re-assembled this day pursuant to adjournment, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, in the chair. The Grand Secretary having called the roll, the following officers and representatives answered to their names:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
 ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - - R. W. D. G. Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
 H. A. CRANE, - - - - - R. W. G. Marshal.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - W. G. Messenger.
 S. W. LEWYT, - - - - - W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; Wm. Ellison, Mass.; John J. Davies, S. N. Y.; Peter Fritz, Pa.; John Sessford, Jr., D. C.; John F. Smith, Del.; Richard Green, Ohio; Samuel Read, N. J.; Geo. Brown, J. P. Chapman, Ia.; J. G. Potts, Ill.; D. N. Barrows, Miss.; J. Silsby, R. O. Shaw, Ala.; S. Browne, S. H. Parker, N. H.; E. Wakeley, D. McDonald, Wis.; J. Thorington, Iowa.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. D. Tewksbury, Md., J. W. Stokes, Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; J. Wood, N. J.; W. E. Sanford, Ct.; J. M. H. Brunet, Va.; R. Cole, Joseph B. Frost, Jr., Mass.; A. B. Currier, N. H.; S. Colfax, Ia.; John Winder, Mich.; H. F. Askew, Del.; H. L. Webster, R. I.

No quorum appearing, the Grand Sire declared the meeting adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, Sept. 13, 1850—10 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Representatives re-assembled this day pursuant to adjournment, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. S., took the chair, and the roll being called, a constitutional quorum appeared as follows:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
 ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - - R. W. D. G. Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
 H. A. CRANE, - - - R. W. G. Marshal.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - W. G. Messenger.
 S. H. LEWYT, - - - W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; Wm. Ellison, Mass.; John J. Davies, S. N. Y.; Peter Fritz, Pa.; John Sessford, Jr., D. C.; John F. Smith, Del.; Richard Green, Ohio; Samuel Read, N. J.; George Brown, J. P. Chapman, Ia.; D. N. Barrows, Miss., John G. Potts, Ill.; J. Silsby, R. O. Shaw, Ala.; S. H. Parker, S. Browne, N. H.; E. Wakeley, D. McDonald, Wis.; J. Thorington, Iowa; F. S. Garret, Arkansas.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. D. Tewksbury, Md.; J. W. Stokes, Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; J. Wood, N. J., W. E. Sanford, Ct.; J. M. H. Brunct, Va.; R. Cole, Joseph B. Frost, Jr., Mass.; A. B. Currier, N. H.; S. Colfax, Ia.; John Winder, Mich.; H. L. Webster, R. I.; H. F. Askew, Del.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. M. Willey, Rep. G. L. of Ct.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Reps. of G. L. and G. E. of N. N. Y.; also, of the following Representatives elected to fill vacancies in the several Grand Bodies, occasioned by resignation, viz.

GRAND LODGES.

Dist. of Columbia—W. B. Magruder, *vice* W. W. Moore, resigned.

Ohio—Thomas C. McEwen, *vice* E. B. Olds, do.

Missouri—Charles M. Valteau, *vice* I. Forbes, do.

Connecticut—J. M. Willey, *vice* S. Lockwood, do.

" T. P. Abell, *vice* L. A. Thomas, do.

Illinois—S. A. Corneau, *vice* Charles H. Constable, do.

Tennessee—J. D. Danbury, *vice* James Peacock, do.

" Edward G. Steel, *vice* George W. Wilson, vacated.

Louisiana—John Larue, *vice* Robert Mott, resigned.

" Wm. H. Rice, *vice* James Strawbridge, vacated.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Maryland—Wm. Bayley, *vice* B. F. Zimmerman, resigned.

Pennsylvania—Wm. Curtis, *vice* W. M. Allen, do.

Southern New York—Thomas M. Clark, *vice* W. W. Dibblee, do.

Ohio—E. M. Fitch, *vice* Thomas Spooner, do.

Mississippi—C. T. Vennigerholz, *vice* John G. Hastings, do.

District of Columbia—Fred. D. Stuart, *vice* John T. Towers, do.

Missouri—John Libby, *vice* Benj. F. Crane, do.

Wisconsin—Henry B. Hinsdale.

The Chair named Reps. Parker of New Hampshire, and Askew, of Delaware, to fill the vacancies on the Committee on Credentials, occasioned by the resignation of Rep. Zimmerman, of Maryland, and the absence of Rep. Parmenter, of Massachusetts.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, the several credentials presented by the Grand Secretary were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, presented the seal of the G. L. of S. N. Y., and of the G. E. of S. N. Y., which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Secretary presented the seals of the G. L. of N. N. Y. and of the G. E. of N. N. Y., which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Sessford, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificates of election of the following Representatives as in due form and properly authenticated:

GRAND LODGES.

P. C. P. W. B. MAGRUDER, <i>vice</i>	}	D. of Columbia.
W. W. Moore, resigned,		
P. G. T. C. M'EWEN, <i>vice</i> E. B. Olds, resigned,	}	Ohio.
P. G. JOHN LARUE, <i>vice</i> Robt. Mott, resigned,		Louisiana.
P. G. S. A. CORNEAU, <i>vice</i> C. H. Constable, res.,	}	Illinois.
P. G. M. J. M. WILLEY, <i>vice</i> S. Lockwood, res.,		Connecticut.
P. G. T. P. ABELL, <i>vice</i> L. A. Thomas, resigned,	}	Northern N. Y.
P. G. WM. W. WALLACE, - - - -		"
P. G. M. WM. L. G. SMITH, - - - -	}	Tennessee.
P. G. J. D. DANBURY, <i>vice</i> J. Peacock, resg.,		"
P. G. P. E. G. STEEL, <i>vice</i> G. W. Wilson, -	}	Missouri.
P. G. M. C. M. VALLEAU, <i>vice</i> I. Forbes, res.		

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. WM. BAYLEY, <i>vice</i> B. F. Zimmerman,	}	Maryland.
P. G. S. WM. CURTIS, <i>vice</i> Wm. M. Allen,		Pennsylvania.
P. G. H. P. T. M. CLARK, <i>vice</i> W. W. Dibblee,	}	Southern N. Y.
P. G. M. F. D. STUART, <i>vice</i> J. T. Towers, res.,		D. of Columbia
G. H. P. JOHN LIBBY, <i>vice</i> B. F. Crane, res.,	}	Missouri.
P. G. E. M. FITCH, <i>vice</i> Thomas Spooner, res.,		Ohio.
P. C. P. D. D. EGAN, - - - -	}	Northern N. Y.
P. C. P. H. P. ROWEL, - - - -		"
P. G. S. C. T. VENNIGERHOLZ, <i>vice</i>	}	Mississippi.
J. G. Hastings, - - - -		Wisconsin.
P. G. H. B. HINSDALE, - - - -	}	JOHN SESSFORD, Jr.,
		S. H. PARKER,
		H F ASKEW.

The Chair announced the resignation of the present Grand Marshal, and the appointment of P. G. H. A. Crane, of Georgia, to fill the vacancy, which was approved.

The Chair announced the following classification of the Reps. from the Grand Bodies of Northern New York. for G. L. of N. N. Y., P. G. M. W. L. G. Smith, for two years P. G. W. W. Wallace, one year.

For Grand Encampment of Northern New York, David D. Egan, for two years; H. P. Rowel, for one year.

Rep Magruder, of District of Columbia, presented the following communication, which was read:

OFFICE WESTERN ART UNION, }
Cincinnati, 13th Sept., 1850. }

To the Convention of I. O. of Odd Fellows:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Directors will be much pleased to have you visit the Society's Gallery of Art, corner of 4th and Sycamore streets, at any time during your sojourn in the city.

By order of the Board,

WM. T. STEEL, *Cor. Secretary.*

By unanimous consent, the following resolution of courtesy was adopted:

Resolved, That the following P. G. Representatives and Past Grands be admitted to visit during the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States: P. G. Reps. William B. Chapman, David Churchill, Charles Thomas, Alex. E. Glenn, D. T. Snelbaker, Mark P. Taylor, Isaac Hefley, B. C. True; P. Grands Stark R. Read, C. H. Thomas, George Stackhouse, Wm. G. Williams, Charles F. Wikstach, George W. Runyan, Wm. Chidsey, C. H. Sargeant, J. N. Clark, Isaac W. Parker, Samuel L. Adams, of Ohio; Theodore A. Ward, of N. New York; Jacob Vandegrift, of Ia., P. G. Penny, of Ala.; P. G. M. J. M. Wheeler, of R. I.; P. G. M. G. P. Smith; Grand Rep. elect Francis Chase, of N. H

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the session, to wit, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge shall have passed upon the business brought and to be brought before it, instead of closing the present session, it shall adjourn to the first Monday of September, 1850, to meet at the city of Cincinnati, then and there to take into consideration the present Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States and to digest and agree to report the same with such alterations or amendments as may be deemed advisable, which having been agreed upon, shall be entered upon the minutes of the session as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be considered and acted upon by the representatives to that session, in the manner and form prescribed by the present Constitution.

Resolved, That at such adjourned session the Grand Lodge of the United States will not entertain any motion for, or transact any business except that mentioned in the above resolution.

Rep. Hunt, of Md., moved to suspend the second resolution, for the purpose of presenting a paper from the Grand Lodge of Maryland protesting against the removal of the sessions of the G. Lodge of the U. States from the State of Maryland, which was not adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Askew, of Del., moved that a committee of three be appointed to audit the accounts of members for

per diem and mileage, which was agreed to. The Chair named Rep. Askew, of Del., P. G. Sire Kennedy, and Rep. Colfax, of Ia., as the committee.

The Lodge proceeded again to the special order, when Rep. Hunt, of Md., moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted at the September session of 1842, recorded on pages 1501 and 1502 as amended on page 1510 in the words following, to wit: "Which having been agreed upon, shall be entered upon the minutes of the session as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, to be considered and acted upon by the Representatives to that session, in the manner and form prescribed by the present Constitution," be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Hunt, (2 votes,) Ellison, (2 votes,) Davies, (2 votes,) Fritz, (2 votes,) Magruder, Sessford, Smith, of Del., (2 votes,) Larue, (2 votes,) Read, Potts, Silsby, Tewksbury, Bayley, Stokes, Curtis, Clark, of S. N. Y., (2 votes,) Frost, Stuart, Askew, P. G. Sire Kennedy—27.

NAYS—Smith, of N. N. Y., Wallace, Green, (2 votes,) Brown, of Ia., (2 votes,) Barrows, (2 votes,) Valteau, (2 votes,) Corneau, Abell, Willey, Steel, Danbury, Shaw, Manchester, (2 votes,) Parker, Brown, of N. H., McDonald, (2 votes,) Thorington, Garritt, Egan Clark, of Ohio, Fitch, Rowell, Sanford, Brunet, Cole, Currier, Vennigerholz, Libby, Colfax, Winder, Webster, Hinsdale—38.

Rep. Sessford, from the Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificate of the following Representative as in due form: P. G. M. HORACE A. MANCHESTER, G. L. of Rhode Island.

JOHN SESSFORD, JR.,
S. H. PARKER,
H. F. ASKEW.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Manchester, of Rhode Island, had leave to record his vote in the negative, upon the motion of Rep. Hunt, of Maryland, to rescind the resolution proposing the adoption of amendments to the Constitution reported at this session, by the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication.

Rep. Smith, of Northern New York, submitted the following amendment to the 8th Article of the Constitution:

Strike out all after the word 'Lodge,' where it occurs in the 2d line.

Rep. Colfax, of Ia., moved to amend the amendment as follows:

Amend by adding—And that P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey shall always be entitled to vote.

Rep. Brunet, of Virginia, moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out the word *vote* and substitute the word "speak"—then strike out all after the word *Lodge* in third line.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Mississippi, raised the following point of order:

Is it competent for the Grand Lodge of the United States to entertain a proposition to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which if adopted, would deprive present members of this Grand Lodge of rights and privileges which have already been acquired by them?

The Chair decided that as P. G. Sires hold their privileges under the Constitution, and as that instrument contains a provision for alteration or amendment, it is within the power of the Grand Lodge to entertain the proposition.

Rep. Parker, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "will the Grand Lodge agree to report the amendment of Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States as a proposition to amend the Constitution of that body?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Hunt, (2 votes,) Magruder, Read, (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Smith, of N. N. Y., Wallace, Greene, (2 votes,) Brown, of Ia., (2 votes,) Barrows, (2 votes,) Valleau, (2 votes,) Corneau, Abell, Willey, Steel, Danbury, Shaw, Manchester, (2 votes,) Parker, Brown, of N. H., M'Donald, Wakeley, Thorington, Garritt, Egan, Rowell, Clark, of Ohio, Fitch, Sanford, Brunet, Cole, Currier, Libby, Colfax, Webster, Hinsdale.—42.

NAYS.—Ellison, (2 votes,) Davies, (2 votes,) Fritz, (2 votes,) Sessford, Smith, of Del. (2 votes,) Larue, (2 votes,) Potts, Silsby, Bayley, Stokes, Curtis, Clark, of S. N. Y., (2 votes,) Frost, Stuart, Askew Vennigerholz, Winder.—23.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XV. of the Constitution by striking out all before the word "shall," 2d line, and inserting "thirty Representatives representing twenty Grand Bodies."

Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Representative Clarke, of Ohio, the Lodge took a recess until 3½ o'clock P. M.

SEPT. 13—3½ o'clock P. M.

The Lodge having re-assembled, by unanimous consent the Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the time of recess, to wit, the proposition of Rep.

Curtis, of Pa., to amend Article XV of the Constitution, touching a quorum.

Rep. Chapman, of Indiana, moved as a substitute for the proposition of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., the following, which was adopted, and it was agreed to propose the said amendment to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Amend Article 15, by preceding the present Article with these words: "After the organization of the Grand Lodge."

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, moved to amend further the 15th Article of the Constitution as follows:

Strike out the words "Lodges and Grand Encampments," in the second line, and insert "State and District Grand bodies."

Pending this motion, by unanimous consent Rep. Steel, of Tenn., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. M. G. P. Smith, of Tenn., Representative elect to the next regular session, be admitted to visit during this session.

Rep. Sessford of the Dis. of Col. from the Committee on Credentials, by unanimous consent, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the credentials of the following Representatives as in due form:

P. G. Rep. HENRY HOLMES, Grand Lodge of Missouri.

P. G. M. WM. H. RICE, Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

And as incorrect, the certificate of P. G. Benj. Conley, of Georgia, which wants the signature of the Grand Secretary.

JOHN SESSFORD JR.
S. H. PARKER,
H. F. ASKEW.

On motion of Rep. Sessford, of District of Columbia, Rep. Conley, of Georgia, was admitted to his seat, notwithstanding the informality of his certificate.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendment to 15th Article of the Constitution, submitted by Rep. Clark, of Ohio, and the Lodge agreed to propose the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its annual session, as an amendment to the Constitution.

Rep. Abell, of Conn., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the purpose of facilitating action on the Constitution, the Secretary be directed to read the same section by section, and that they be considered separately and in regular order.

Rep. Colfax, of Ia., moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the speeches of members shall be limited to ten minutes, except longer time is given by unanimous consent, and that no member shall speak twice on the same question till all desiring to speak have had the opportunity.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "ten" and inserting "five," which was adopted.

The amendment of Rep. Colfax, as thus amended, was then adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Abell, of Conn., as amended, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Fritz, of Pa., moved that the following amendment to the 2d article of the Constitution be proposed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its annual session, which was agreed to:

Amend Article II. by striking out the words "Secretary and Grand," after the word "Recording," in the 2d and 3d lines, and insert the word "and."

Rep. Hunt, of Md., moved that the following proposed amendment to the 18th article of the Constitution be recommended to the consideration of the next Grand Lodge of the United States:

Strike out 18th article and put in the place thereof the following, viz:

"All the powers ceded to this Grand Lodge are contained in the written Constitution and By-Laws, and such powers as are not specially expressed are reserved to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments composing this Grand Body. This Constitution can only be amended, altered or abolished, upon the motion of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under its corporate seal, attested by the secretary thereof, and seconded by the representatives of another Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. At the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution."

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to lay the proposition of Rep. Hunt, of Md., on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Brunet, of Va., the further consideration of the subject was postponed until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, as the special order for that hour.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved that the following proposed amendment to the 18th article of the Constitution be recommended to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual session:

Amend 18th article of Constitution by inserting after the word "minutes" in the 4th line, "and a copy thereof sent to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction at least six months previous to the annual meeting, and."

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pa., the consideration of the subject was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Rep. Brunet, of Va., moved that it be recommended to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the next annual session, to amend the 11th article of the Constitution as follows:

Amend Article XI by inserting after the word "September" in 2d line, the words "in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland." And strike out all after "A. M." in 16th line.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge agree to propose the amendment submitted by Rep. Brunet, of Va., to the

Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual session?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Bayley, Brunet, Clark of S. N. Y., (2 votes,) Conley, (2 votes,) Davies, (2 votes,) Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Hunt, (2 votes,) Larue, (2 votes,) Magruder, Potts, Sessford, Shaw, (2 votes,) Smith, (2 votes) Stuart, Tewksbury, Vennigerholz, P. G. S. Kennedy—27.

NAYS—Abell, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown of Ia., Brown of N. H., Chapman, Clark, Cole, Colfax, Corneau, Currier, Curtis, Danbury, Egan, Ellison, Fitch, Garritt, Green, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Holmes, Libby, McDonald, Manchester, (2 votes,) Parker, Read, (2 votes,) Rowel, Sanford, Smith of N. N. Y., Steel, Stokes, Thorington, Val-leau, Wakeley, Wallace, Webster, Willey, Winder—40.

Rep. Abell, of Conn., moved the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Strike out the word "annually" in the first and second lines, Article XI, and substitute instead thereof the word "*biennially*."

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to amend the proposed amendment as follows, which was resolved in the negative:

Strike out the word "annually" in the first line of Article XI, and insert the word "*triennially*."

The question recurring on the proposed amendment submitted by Rep. Abell, of Conn., it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the consideration of which, on his motion, was postponed and added to the special orders of the day for to-morrow:

Amend Art. XVIII, by striking out the entire article, and insert as follows, to wit:

"For the purpose of altering or amending this Constitution, the Grand Sire shall appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to meet at such time and place as may by them be agreed upon, then and there to take the subject into consideration, and make their report to the regular September session of 1851, when the same shall be entered on the Journal as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be considered and acted upon by the representatives to that session, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution."

Rep Askew, of Del., submitted the following as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the consideration of which, on his motion, was postponed and made the special order of the day, for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock:

Resolved, That the 12th article of the Constitution be amended by striking out and inserting the following:

"The Grand Lodge shall from time to time provide by law such prices for the supplies furnished by this body to the Order as will enable the Grand Lodge to defray its necessary current expenses, in which shall be included the salaries of the Grand Officers, the mileage and per diem of M. W. G. Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, and the Grand Representative."

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., submitted the following as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the consideration of which, on his motion, was postponed and made the special order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock:

Amend Article XII. by striking out the fourth paragraph and substituting therefor the following, to wit:

"4th. *Representative Tax* from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to be assessed upon such bodies annually by the Grand Sire, G. C. and R. Secretary and Grand Treasurer, according to the number of votes such Grand Bodies are entitled to in the G. L. U. S.; provided, however, that said Representative Tax shall constitute a special fund for the payment of such per diem allowance and mileage to the Officers and Grand Representatives attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States as by a majority vote at a regular session from time to time may be determined."

Rep. Wallace, of N. N. Y., submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, the consideration of which, on his motion, was postponed and made the special order for to-morrow:

Article XII, page 64 of the Digest, after the word "shall" in the first line, add "not exceeding one thousand dollars more than what will be necessary to meet the actual expenses of the Grand Lodge, and all moneys in the hands of the Treasurer over this amount shall be divided *pro rata* among the State jurisdictions according to the number of their contributing members, and said revenue shall be as follows."

Rep. Brunet, of Va., submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, the consideration of which was postponed on his motion, and made the special order for to-morrow:

Strike out so much of Article XII as is to be found on page 1454 vol. 3, proceedings of Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, which, on his motion, was postponed and made the order of the day for to-morrow:

After the word "Lodge," strike out "ten per cent," and insert "six per cent."

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 1850—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, the same Grand Officers as of the session of yesterday, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Brother E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Hinsdale, of Wisconsin, by unanimous consent, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. M. H. L. Page, of Wisconsin, be admitted as a visitor to this body.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., submitted the following proposed amendment to Article III, of the Constitution, which being considered, the Lodge agreed to report the same as an amendment to the Constitution:

Strike out all before the word "Lodge," in seventh line, and insert: "The elective officers shall be Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy D. G. Sire, Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially, at the stated meetings of this Grand Lodge in September."

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., submitted the following proposed amendment to Article VI of the Constitution:

Amend Article VI of Constitution, by inserting, after the word "Recording" in the first line "and Corresponding," and strike out all after the word "services" in the ninth line, first section, and insert "twelve hundred dollars," and strike out after the word "Grand" in the first line, second section, the word "Corresponding."

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the proposition, to wit, to insert in the first line, Article VI of the Constitution, after the word "Recording," the words "and Corresponding," the Grand Lodge agreed to report the same as a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The question recurring on the second branch of the proposition, to wit, to strike out all after the word "services" in the eighth line, first section, and insert "twelve hundred dollars," it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the third branch of the proposition, to wit, to strike out after the word "Grand," in the first line, second section, the word "Corresponding," the Lodge agreed to report the same as a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

On motion of Rep. Wakeley, of Wisconsin, it was

Resolved, That D. C. Trippe, Rep. elect from Wisconsin, be admitted within the Hall during this session.

Rep. Winder, of Mich., submitted the following, which being considered, the Lodge agreed to report the same as a proposed amendment to the Constitution:

"All vacancies occurring in the office of Representatives of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, during a recess, may be filled in such manner as the State or District Grand Bodies may prescribe by law."

Rep. Davies, of S. N. York., submitted the following proposed amendment, which was not agreed to:

Amend Article III, by striking out the word "at" in eighth line, and insert "on the first day of."

Rep. Egan, of N. N. Y., submitted the following, as a proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article X, by inserting after the word "degree" in the

third line, "and a contributing member of a Subordinate Encampment."

Rep. Winder, of Mich., moved to amend the proposed amendment as follows, which was not agreed to:

"Except it be in cases where the R. P. degree has been conferred by a Grand Lodge."

The question recurring on the proposition of Rep. Egan, of N. N. Y., the Lodge agreed to report the same as a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Rep. Brunet, of Va., submitted the following proposed amendment, which was not agreed to:

Amend Article X, by striking out "and Grand Encampments" in the first line. The balance of the article to be conformed to this proposed amendment.

Rep. Wallace, of N. N. Y., submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Article IV, page 61, Digest. Strike out after the word "shall" in the fifth line, the words, "a general superintendence over the interests of the Order," and insert "he shall be the executive officer of this Grand Lodge." In the third line from the bottom of the article, strike out the words "in relation thereto" and insert "as said executive officer."

The proposition was not agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abell, Barrows, (2 votes,) Brown of Ia., Chapman, Clark, Colfax, Corneau, Currier, Egan, Fitch, Garritt, Green, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, McDonald, Manchester, (2 votes,) Parker, (2 votes,) Rowel, Sanford, Smith of N. N. Y., Thorington, Wakeley, Wallace, Webster, Willey, Winder—29.

NAYS—Andrews, Askew, Bayley, Brunet, Cole, Conley, (2 votes,) Curtis, Davies, (2 votes,) Ellison, (2 votes,) Fritz, (2 votes,) Frost, Holmes, Hunt, (2 votes,) Libby, Magruder, Potts, Read, (2 votes,) Rice, (2 votes,) Sessford, Shaw, (2 votes,) Smith, (2 votes,) Steel, Stokes, Stuart, Tewksbury, Valleau, Vennigerholz, Danbury, P. G. S. Kennedy—38.

Rep. Brunet, of Va., submitted the following proposed amendments to the Constitution:

Amend Article IV, by striking out the sentence beginning with the fifth line, and inserting "he shall superintend the execution of the laws of this Grand Lodge, and make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings."

Rep. Abell, of Conn., moved to amend the amendment as follows:

Strike out 5th and 6th lines, Article IV, and insert instead thereof, "The Grand Sire, in connection with seven R. W. Representatives duly elected by ballot by this body, at each regular session, from as many different States, shall constitute an Executive Council, who shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order during the recess of this Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Holmes, of Mo., the amendment to the amendment was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the proposition of Rep. Brunet, of Va., Rep. Frost, of Mass., raised a point of order, to wit: "That the motion of Rep. Brunet, of Va., was substantially the same proposition which had been submitted by Rep. Wallace, of N. N. York, and had been voted in the negative by the Lodge. The Chair D. G. Sire Kellogg presiding, decided that the proposition of Rep. Brunet differed from that of Representative Wallace, and was in order.

The question recurring on the proposition of Rep. Brunet, of Va., it was not agreed to.

Rep. Bayley, of Md., submitted the following as a proposed amendment to the 10th Article:

Amend Art. X, by striking out the word "one" where it occurs in the last clause, before the word "thousand," and insert "five" in its stead; and insert after the word "vote" in the fourth line from the bottom, "and for every additional ten thousand, one additional vote."

On motion of Rep. Chapman, of Ind., the proposition was laid on the table.

Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, submitted the following resolution, by unanimous leave of the Lodge:

Resolved, That the per diem compensation to Representatives be computed from the day of their arrival in the city of Cincinnati, on and after the 9th instant.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the per diem of members be computed from the time they report themselves to the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved to amend the amendment as follows:

"Except all those who are claimants to seats and could not be admitted for want of a quorum."

Rep. Wallace, N. N. Y. moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows:—"Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put—"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, and instruct the committee on mileage and per diem accordingly?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Chapman, of Ind., submitted the following as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, which having been considered, the Lodge agreed to report the same as a proposed amendment:

Amend Article X, by striking out the present form of Certificate, and adding, after the words "elected or appointed," occurring in the 8th line of the section, as per Digest, the following words: *and must be furnished with a satisfactory certificate of such election or appointment, the form of which may be prescribed by law.*

By unanimous consent, Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That immediately after the discharge of the special Orders, the roll of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall be called in regular order. Representatives, when their respective Grand Bodies are so called, may offer any

ment or amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which shall be disposed of as provided for by the present Constitution.

All rules, heretofore adopted, inconsistent with this resolution, are hereby repealed.

The hour having arrived for taking up the special orders of the day, on motion of Rep. Brunet, of Va., all the special orders of the day were discharged.

On motion of Rep. Wakeley, the Lodge took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled, pursuant to the order of recess.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to call the States in the order of seniority, as required by the rule of order adopted at the morning session,

When Rep. Hunt, of Md., seconded by Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., moved the following amendments to the Constitution, which were ordered to lie on the table, as the Constitution requires:

Amend Article III, by adding.

"There shall also be elected a Judiciary Committee, composed of twelve members, before whom all questions between State and District Grand Bodies and the Grand Lodge of the United States, arising out of different constructions of the Constitution, shall be adjudicated.

The members of this committee must have the Royal Purple Degree, and be Past Grands in good standing, but shall not be members or officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall possess no rights or authority therein, except in the particular duty herein assigned them.

Seven members of this committee shall constitute a quorum for business. No more than two members shall be elected from any one State or Jurisdiction composing the Grand Lodge of the United States; nor shall any member of this committee be competent to sit in judgment upon any case in which his State or District is interested."

Strike out 18th article and put in the place thereof the following, viz:

"All the powers ceded to this Grand Lodge are contained in the written Constitution and By-Laws, and such powers as are not specially expressed are reserved to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments composing this Grand Body. This Constitution can only be amended, altered or abolished, upon the motion of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under its corporate seal, attested by the Secretary thereof, and seconded by the Representatives of another Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. At the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to

by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution."

Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Hunt, of Md., offered the following amendments to the Constitution, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article I, by inserting after the word "it" in the tenth line, the following:

"It has not the power to recall or annul the charter, warrant or dispensation of a State Grand Body, issued by its authority, nor can it resume any of the authority delegated by it to said State Grand Bodies, except for acts in violation of its laws, or the usages of the Order.

It has not the power to alter the charter, or divide the territory of any State Grand Body, without the consent of said Grand Body being first obtained, nor can it impose any tax or raise revenue from State Grand Bodies except in the manner and form as prescribed in this Constitution."

Amend Article XIV, by inserting after the word "Lodge" in eighth line, "and a Subordinate Encampment."

The Grand Secretary having called the Grand Lodge of N. N. Y., Rep. Fritz raised a question of privilege, whether the Grand Lodge of N. N. Y. was entitled to rank before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Chair decided that the said Grand Lodge ranked only from the date of her Charter.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., seconded by Rep. Read, of N. J., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article XIV, section 3, by striking out "ten per cent." and inserting "six per cent."

Rep. Abell, of Conn., seconded by Rep. Hunt, of Md., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lay on the table:

Strike out the word "annually" in the first line, Article XI, and insert instead thereof, "*on the third Monday in September, 1850, and on the corresponding day in September in each ALTERNATE year thereof.*"

Rep. Abell, of Conn., seconded by Rep. Smith, of Del., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Strike out the words "original and exclusive" in the third and fourth lines, Article I; also strike out the fifth and sixth lines, to wit, "It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America;" together with the following clause, commencing on the ninth line, "and derive their authority from it."

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., offered the following:

Resolved, That the regular order of business will be suspended at half-past 7 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of holding a secret session at that hour for instruction in the work of the Order.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of Col., moved to amend, by striking out 7, and inserting 5 o'clock, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Barrows, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Davies, of S. N. York, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Abell, of Conn., seconded by Rep. Smith, of Del., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Strike out the fifth and sixth lines, Article IV, and substitute the following:

"The Grand Sire, in connection with seven R. W. Grand Representatives, who shall be duly elected by ballot by this body at each election, shall constitute a Grand Executive Council, for the exercise of a general superintendence over the interests of the Order during the recess of this body."

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, seconded by Rep. Abell, of Conn., offered the following amendments to the Constitution, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Strike out of Article III. the following words on the 8th line: "*at the stated meeting next ensuing*," and insert "*the next day after*."

Strike out of the same article the following words on the 12th line: "*at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers*," and insert "*immediately after the installation of the elective Grand Officers*."

Strike out of Article XI. the word "third," on the 2d line, and insert the word "first."

Add to Article III, after the word "beginning," on the fourth line. the words "*during the first day of the session*."

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., seconded by Rep. Green, of Ohio, offered the following amendments to the Constitution, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Strike out the first section in Article XV, and insert "Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. But this regulation shall not prevent the Grand Lodge from organizing, or from receiving and acting upon the credentials of members at any session."

Amend Article X, by inserting after the word "appointed," where it occurs the second time, the following:

"Any vacancy which shall happen may be filled by the election or appointment of a Representative for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs. Representatives shall be furnished with suitable certificates, the form of which shall be prescribed by law;" and by striking out that portion of the article commencing with the words "and must be furnished," and ending with the words "Grand Scribe," all inclusive.

"Article —, Grand and Subordinate Encampments are hereby abolished. The Grand Lodge of the United States shall provide

By-Laws for the conferring of the Encampment Degrees by Lodges, and shall make such other regulations as may be necessary in consequence of the adoption of this article. All provisions of the Constitution or laws inconsistent with this regulation are hereby so modified as to conform thereto."

Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, seconded by Rep. Winder, of Michigan, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article II. by inserting at the end thereof the following words: "and seven Lecturers. Said Lecturers shall be triennially elected by a majority of the votes of this Grand Lodge, and shall be respectively residents of different States, and shall remain so during their term of office. Said Lecturers shall have attained the R. P. Degree, and be Past Grands in good standing, and shall possess such other qualifications as shall be from time to time determined by this Grand Lodge. Said Lecturers shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the work of the Order, subject only to the revision of the Grand Lodge of the State wherein their power may be exercised."

Rep. Wallace, of N. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Willey, of Conn., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Add the following section to the 14th article, page 64 Digest:

"Each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment working under an unreclaimed warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States possesses the power of framing and adopting such a form of government for themselves as a constitutional majority of their qualified members may determine in accordance with the general rules of the Order, and when such a form of government has been adopted, it is not competent for a minority in said Grand Bodies to declare said organic law null and void, nor shall it be competent for this Grand Lodge or its Grand Sire to substitute the action of a minority in said bodies for the legitimate action of the majority."

Rep. Tewksbury, of Md., seconded by Rep. Curtis, of Pa., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Add to article XII, "and no other tax or levy can be made upon State Grand bodies for any purpose whatever."

Rep. Tewksbury, of Md., seconded by Rep. Corneau, of Ill., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Article XVIII, Strike out all after "*Grand Lodge*," in the second line, to the words "*it shall*," on the third line, and insert "upon the motion of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under its corporate seal, attested by the Secretary and seconded by another G. Lodge or G. Encampment."

Rep. Bayley, of Md., seconded by Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article X, last clause, by striking out the word "one" where it occurs before the word "thousand," and insert "two." And

insert after the word "vote," in the fourth line from the bottom, "and one additional vote for every additional five thousand."

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., seconded by Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article XV of the Constitution by striking out all before the word "shall," in the second line, and insert, "thirty members representing twenty Grand Bodies."

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., seconded by Rep. Barrows, of Miss., offered the following amendments to the Constitution, which were laid on the table:

Amend Article VI of Constitution by striking out all after the word "services," in the ninth line, and insert "twelve hundred dollars."

Amend Article VII of the Constitution by adding after the word "accounts," "and shall receive one hundred dollars for his services."

Rep. Brunet, of Va., seconded by Rep. Wallace, of N. N. Y., moved the following amendments to the Constitution, which were ordered to lie on the table:

Amend the Constitution of the G. Lodge of the United States so as not to recognize Grand Encampments as a separate organization.

Amend Article IV, by striking out the sentence commencing with the fifth line, and inserting "he shall enforce the laws of this G. Lodge, and make report at the next meeting of his acts and doings."

Amend Article XI, by inserting after the word "September," in the second line, the words "in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland." And strike out all after "A. M." in sixteenth line.

Amend Article XII, by striking out so much as is to be found on page 1454 vol. iii, proceedings of Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., seconded by Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article XVIII. by striking out the entire article, and insert, as follows, to wit:

"For the purpose of revising, altering and amending this Constitution, the Grand Sire shall appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to meet at such time and place as may by them be agreed upon, then and there to take the subject into consideration, and make their report to the regular September session of 1851, when the same shall be entered on the Journal as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next succeeding annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be considered and acted upon by the representatives to that session, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution; *Provided*, however, that if by any means the aforesaid plan to revise, alter or amend should fail, then, in that event, said Article XVIII, as now stricken out, shall be and become again in full force as part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Read, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article XIV, page 65, by adding after the qualifications of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the words "also a contributing member of a Subordinate Encampment."

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article VII, by adding that "the Treasurer shall receive for his ordinary services the sum of four hundred dollars per year."

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Amend Article I, by changing the second sentence so as to read as follows: "It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in the *peculiar work* of Odd Fellowship in the U. States of America."

Rep. Winder, of Mich., seconded by Rep. Cole, of Mass., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

After the words "R. P. Degree," where the same occurs in said article, insert the words "*or a Past Grand Patriarch.*"

Rep. Read, of N. J., seconded by Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article X of Constitution by adding after the word "*vote,*" in the fourth line from the bottom, the following, "and no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Rep. in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the same time."

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., seconded by Rep. Stokes, of Pa., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article XIII, by inserting after the word "in," the word "July."

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., seconded by Rep. Clark, of Ohio, moved to amend the Constitution as follows, which was laid on the table:

Amend Article XII, by striking out the fourth paragraph, and substituting therefor the following, to wit:

"4th. *Representative Tax* from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to be assessed upon such bodies annually by the Grand Sire, G. C. and R. Secretary and Grand Treasurer, according to the number of votes such Grand Bodies are entitled to in the G. L. U. S.: provided, however, that said *Representative Tax* shall constitute a special fund for the payment of such per diem allowance and mileage to the Officers and Grand Representatives attending the meeting of the G. L. of the U. S. as by a majority vote at a regular session from time to time may be determined."

Rep. Conley, of Ga., seconded by Rep. Hunt, of Md., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table:

Strike out of Article XIV. the following words, "be a Past Grand Master who shall."

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted on the 21st day of September, 1849, as published on page 1502 of the Journal, in the following words, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That at such adjourned session the Grand Lodge of the United States will not entertain any motion for, or transact any business, except that mentioned in the above resolution," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Brown, of Ind., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., it was, on motion of Rep. Wallace, of N. N. Y., indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Askew, of Del., seconded by Rep. Rowel, of N. N. Y., offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That Article XII of the Constitution be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

"The Grand Lodge shall from time to time provide by law such prices for the supplies furnished by this body to the Order as will enable the Grand Lodge to defray its necessary expenses, in which shall be included the per diem and mileage allowance to the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, and the salaries of the paid officers."

On motion of Rep. Cole, of Mass., the Grand Lodge took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Grand Lodge having reassembled, Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on per diem and mileage, by unanimous consent of the Lodge made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to audit the accounts for per diem and mileage of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, respectfully report by a tabular statement hereunto annexed. In auditing these accounts the committee have made this distinction, viz: They have reported *double* mileage, that is mileage to and from Cincinnati, to such brothers as are members of the *present* session, and who have not been elected Grand Representatives to the succeeding annual session. They have reported but *single* mileage to all brothers who being members of *this* have also been elected Representatives to the *annual session*, to be convened in this city, on Monday the 16th inst. In thus reporting, the expenses of the *adjourned* will not be commingled with the *annual session* which is to succeed.

The committee have encountered some difficulty in definitely ascertaining the different distances of members. Being obliged to be governed by the resolution which requires "the computation to be made by the nearest mail route," they have had very little latitude. They however believe that the statement of distances affixed in the table, is as accurate as the official papers to which we have had access will enable us to arrive.

H. F. ASKEW,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

The committee respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the per diem and mileage as set forth in the tabular statement be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid.

NAMES.	Residence.	Miles to Cincinnati.	Date of arrival.	Days of attendance	Amount of mileage to Cincinnati.	Amount of per diem.	Am't due to Members holding seats next session.	Total due to Grand Representatives whose term of service expires.	
NEW HAMPSHIRE.									
Samuel H. Parker,.....	Dover,.....	1075	Sept. 9,	6	\$64 50	\$18 00	\$.....	\$147 00	
Stephen Brown,.....	Concord,.....	1075	" 9,	6	64 50	18 00	82 50		
A. B. Carrier,.....	".....	1075	" 9,	6	64 50	18 00	82 50		
MASSACHUSETTS.									
William Ellison,.....	Boston,.....	1000	" 11,	4	60 00	12 00	72 00	138 00	
Joseph B. Frost, Jr.,...	".....	1000	" 11,	4	60 00	12 00	72 00		
Raymond Cole,.....	".....	1000	" 9,	6	60 00	18 00	.....	
RHODE ISLAND.									
H. A. Manchester,.....	Providence, ..	1100	" 11,	4	66 00	12 00	78 00	78 00	
H. L. Webster,.....	".....	1100	" 11,	4	66 00	12 00	78 00		
CONNECTICUT.									
T. P. Abell,.....	Middletown,...	1007	" 9,	6	60 42	18 00	78 42	79 50	
J. M. Willey,	Stonington,...	1025	" 9,	6	61 50	18 00	79 50		
W. E. Sanford,....	New Haven, ..	987	" 9,	6	59 22	18 00	77 22		
SOUTHERN NEW YORK.									
John J. Davies,.....	New York,	900	" 9,	6	54 00	18 00	72 00	126 00	
James W. Hale,.....	".....	900	" 9,	6	54 00	18 00	72 00		
Thos. M. Clarke,....	Williamsburg	900	" 9,	6	54 00	18 00	.....	
NORTHERN NEW YORK.									
W. W. Wallace,....	Port Richm'd	910	" 9,	6	54 60	18 00	.....	127 20
W. L. G. Smith,.....	Buffalo,.....	470	" 9,	6	28 20	18 00	46 20		
David D. Egan,.....	New York,...	900	" 9,	6	54 00	18 00	72 00	128 40	
Hiram P. Rowel,....	Sing Sing,...	920	" 9,	6	55 20	18 00	.....	
NEW JERSEY.									
Samuel Read,.....	Mount Holly, ..	830	" 9,	6	49 80	18 00	67 80	64 80	
Joseph Wood,.....	Trenton,.....	830	" 10,	5	49 80	15 00	64 80		
PENNSYLVANIA.									
Peter Fritz,.....	Philadelphia, ..	800	" 9,	6	48 00	18 00	.....	114 00
John W. Stokes,.....	".....	800	" 9,	6	48 00	18 00	66 00		
William Curtis,.....	".....	800	" 9,	6	48 00	18 00	66 00		
DELAWARE.									
J. F. Smith,.....	Wilmington, ..	772	" 9,	6	46 32	18 00	64 32	64 32	
Hy. F. Askew,.....	".....	772	" 9,	6	46 32	18 00	64 32		
MARYLAND.									
John W. Hunt,.....	Baltimore,...	700	" 9,	6	42 00	18 00	60 00	60 00	
G. D. Tewksbury,	".....	700	" 9,	6	42 00	18 00	60 00		
William Bayley,.....	".....	700	" 9,	6	42 00	18 00	60 00		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.									
J. Sessford, Jr.,	Washington, ..	740	" 9,	6	44 40	18 00	.....	106 80
W. B. Magruder,.....	".....	740	" 9,	6	44 40	18 00	62 40		
F. D. Stuart,	".....	740	" 9,	6	44 40	18 00	62 40		
VIRGINIA.									
J. M. H. Brunet,.....	Petersburg,...	880	" 9,	6	52 80	18 00	70 80	91 20	
GEORGIA.									
Benjamin Conley,.....	Augusta,.....	1420	" 13,	2	85 20	6 00	91 20	232 20	
ALABAMA.									
John Silsby,.....	Mobile,	1810	" 10,	5	108 60	15 00	.....	
Robert O. Shaw,.....	".....	1810	" 9,	6	108 60	18 00	126 60		
LOUISIANA.									
H. P. Andrews,.....	New Orleans	1540	" 13,	2	92 40	6 00	98 40	98 40	
William H. Rice,.....	".....	1540	" 13,	2	92 40	6 00	98 40		
John C. Larue,.....	".....	1540	" 13,	2	92 40	6 00	98 40		
ARKANSAS.									
F. S. Garritt,.....	Little Rock, ..	1100	" 13,	2	66 00	6 00	72 00	81 00	
MISSISSIPPI.									
D. N. Barrows,.....	Jackson,.....	1216	" 9,	6	72 96	18 00	90 96	81 00	
C. T. Vennigerholz,....	Natches,	1250	" 13,	2	75 00	6 00	81 00		

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MISSOURI.								
Henry Holmes,.....	St. Louis,....	400	Sept. 13,	2	\$ 24 00	6 00	30 00	
C. M. Valleau,.....	"	400	" 9,	6	24 00	18 00	42 00	
John Libby,.....	"	400	" 9,	6	24 00	18 00	42 00	
IOWA.								
Jas. Thornton,.....	Davenport, ..	850	" 9,	6	51 00	18 00	.....	120 00
WISCONSIN.								
E. Wakeley,	White Water	760	" 9,	6	45 60	18 00	63 60	
D. McDonald,	Racine,.....	680	" 9,	6	40 80	18 00	.....	99 60
H. B. Hinsdale,.....	Kenosha,.....	650	" 9,	6	39 00	18 00	.....	96 00
ILLINOIS.								
John G. Potts,	Galena,.....	760	" 9,	6	45 60	18 00	63 60	
S. A. Corneau,.....	Springfield, ..	400	" 9,	6	24 00	18 00	42 00	
INDIANA.								
S. Colfax,.....	South Bend, ..	350	" 9,	6	21 00	18 00	39 00	
George Brown,.....	Pendleton,....	214	" 9,	6	12 84	18 00	30 84	
J. P. Chapman,.....	Indianapolis, ..	186	" 9,	6	11 16	18 00	.....	40 32
TENNESSEE.								
Ed. G. Steele,.....	Nashville,....	350	" 9,	6	21 00	18 00	39 00	
J. D. Danbury,.....	Memphis,....	750	" 9,	6	45 00	18 00	.....	108 00
OHIO.								
Richard Green,.....	Dayton,	50	" 11,	4	3 00	12 00	.....	18 00
E. M. Fitch,.....	Cleveland,....	274	" 9,	6	16 44	18 00	.....	50 88
H. Nelson Clark,.....	Cincinnati, ..	...	" 9,	6	....	18 00	18 00	
MICHIGAN.								
John Winder,	Detroit,.....	293	" 9,	6	17 58	18 00	.....	53 16
GRAND OFFICERS.								
R. H. Griffin, G. Sire,...	Savannah,....	1400	" 9,	6	84 00	18 00	102 00	
A. S. Kellogg, D. G. Sire	Detroit,.....	593	" 9,	6	17 58	18 00	35 58	
J. L. Ridgely, G. Sec'y,	Baltimore,....	700	" 9,	6	42 00	.....	42 00	
E. M. P. Wells, G. Chap	Boston,.....	1000	" 13,	2	60 00	6 00	66 00	
H. A. Crane, G. Marshal	Savannah, ..	1400	" 9,	6	84 00	18 00	102 00	
J. E. Chamberlain, G. M.	Baltimore,....	700	" 9,	6	42 00	.....	42 00	
S. H. Lewyt, G. Guard.	"	700	" 9,	6	42 00	18 00	60 00	
							\$3,347 76	\$1,705 56
								\$5,053 32

On motion of Rep. Smith, of N. N. Y., the resolution accompanying the report of the committee was adopted.

Rep. Winder, of Mich., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the G. S. be directed to furnish the Officers and Grand Representatives drafts on the Treasurer for the amount ordered to be paid to them respectively for per diem and mileage at this adjourned session, and in case there be a deficiency of funds in the Treasury to pay the amount of said certificates, that the Grand Treasurer dispose of a sufficient amount of the Stocks belonging to this body to pay the same.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to amend the resolution as follows:

"Except to such Representatives from those States as have not paid the assessment according to the resolution passed at the present communication."

Rep. Frost, of Mass, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Winder, of Michigan?" and it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Barrows, of Miss., the Lodge agreed to take a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

8 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when on motion of Rep. Barrows, of Miss., the Lodge proceeded to the special order, being instruction in the work. After some hours occupied therein, on motion of Rep. Cole, of Mass., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge U. S. be, and they are hereby tendered to our Worthy Grand Sire Griffin, for the courteous and very acceptable manner in which he has this evening instructed the members of this Grand Lodge in the work of the Order.

After prayer by Rev. Brother E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain, the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. & R. Secretary.

Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Cincinnati, September, 1850.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Sept. 16, 1850—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when upon a call of the roll the following were present:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - - M. W. G. Sire.
ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - - R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - - R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, - - - R. W. G. Chaplain.
H. A. CRANE, - - - R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, - - W. G. Messenger.
S. H. LEWYT, - - - W. G. Guardian.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

John W. Hunt, Md.; William Ellison, Mass.; W. B. Magruder, D. C.; J. F. Smith, Del.; T. C. McEwen, Ohio; Wm. H. Rice, La.; S. Read, N. J.; George Brown, Ind.; D. N. Barrows, Miss.; C. M. Valteau, Mo.; S. A. Corneau, Ill.; J. M. Willey, Conn.; E. G. Steel, Tenn.; R. O. Shaw, Ala.; B. Conley, Ga.; H. A. Manchester, R. I.; F. S. Garrit, Ark.; E. Wakeley, Wis.; W. L. G. Smith, N. N. Y.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

G. D. Tewksbury, Md.; J. W. Stokes, Pa.; H. N. Clark, Ohio; J. Wood, N. J.; W. E. Sanford, Conn.; J. M. H. Brunet, Va.; J. B. Frost, Mass.; A. B. Currier, N. H.; C. T. Vennigerholz, Miss.; John Libby, Mo.; F. D. Stuart, D. C.; H. P. Andrews, La.; S. Colfax, Ind.; H. L. Webster, R. I.; H. F. Askew, Del.

The Grand Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and reported them duly qualified, whereupon, by order of the M. W. G. Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Brother E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:

Reps. Read, of N. J., Barrows, of Miss., Andrews, of La.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of representatives elect, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of the following representatives as correct.

SAMUEL READ,
D. N. BARROWS,
H. PORTER ANDREWS.

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. B. M. FLINT,	- - -	Maine.
P. G. BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, Jr.,	-	"
P. G. FRANCIS R. CHASE,	- -	New Hampshire.
P. G. M. N. A. THOMPSON,	- - -	Massachusetts.
P. G. M. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,	- -	Connecticut.
P. G. M. J. M. WHEELER,	- - -	Rhode Island.
P. G. JAMES NARINE,	- - -	New Jersey.
P. G. JAMES STEWART,	- - -	Delaware.
P. G. M. THOMAS M. ABBETT,	-	Maryland.
P. G. M. DANIEL P. BARNARD,	- -	Northern New York.
P. G. SMITH SKINNER,	- - -	Pennsylvania.
P. G. WM. F. BAYLY,	- - -	District of Columbia.
P. G. M. JOHN CHESTER,	- - -	Michigan.
P. G. M. HERMAN L. PAGE,	- - -	Wisconsin.
P. G. HORACE Y. BEBEE	- - -	Ohio.
P. G. SOLOMON MEREDITH,	- - -	Indiana.
P. G. M. BALLARD SMITH,	- - -	Kentucky.
P. G. M. G. P. SMITH,	- - -	Tennessee.
G. M. HENRY HOLMES,	- - -	Missouri.
P. G. W. T. MARTIN,	- - -	Mississippi.
P. G. JOHN A. GYLES,	- - -	South Carolina.
P. G. M. WOODRUFF,	- - -	Georgia.
P. G. SAMUEL PENNY,	- - -	Alabama.
P. G. JOHN C. LARUE,	- - -	Louisiana.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. H. P. JOHN H. WILLIAMS,	- - -	Maine.
P. C. P. A. B. ELY,	- - -	Massachusetts.
P. G. P. WM. E. SANFORD,	- - -	Connecticut.
P. G. P. THEODORE A. WARD,	-	Northern New York.
P. G. P. JOHN J. DAVIES,	- - -	Southern New York.
P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY,	-	"
P. G. P. WM. BAYLEY,	- - -	Maryland.
P. G. WM. CURTIS,	- - -	Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. DAVID S. WALBRIDGE,	- - -	Michigan.

P. G. D. C. TRIPPE, - - - Wisconsin.
 P. G. P. RICHARD WILLIAMS, - - - Ohio.
 P. G. H. C. PINDELL, - - - Kentucky.
 P. G. M. J. G. POTTS, - - - Illinois.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, obtained leave to introduce the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Past Grand Representatives, members of the late communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be admitted to witness the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, any previous regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Clark, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following Past Grands of Ohio be admitted to visit this Grand Lodge during the present session: William B. Chapman, David Churchill, Charles Thomas, Alex. E. Glenn, J. N. Clark, D. T. Snelbaker, Mark P. Taylor, Isaac Hefley, B. C. True, C. H. Thomas, George Stackhouse, William G. Williams, Charles F. Wilstach, George W. Runyan, William Chidsey, C. H. Sargeant, A. M. Clark, Isaac W. Parker, E. P. Jones, Amzi Pruden, J. J. Palmer, N. F. Luckey, J. G. Lamb, Henry Hart.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Thompson Dean, of Indiana, be admitted to visit the Grand Lodge during the session.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Brown, of Ind., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Christian, of Indiana, be admitted to visit the Grand Lodge during the session.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Stokes, of Pa., Magruder, of D. of C., Manchester of Rhode Island.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Colfax, of Ind., Kennedy, of S. N. Y., Larue, of La.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Smith, of Tenn., Holmes, of Mo., Shaw, of Ala.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Brown, of N. H., Curtis, of Pa.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Wakeley, Wis., Wood, N. Jersey, Vennigerholz, of Miss.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Askew, of Del., Garritt, of Ark., Pindell, of Ky.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Clark, of Ohio, Conley, of Georgia, Chester, of Mich.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Sanford, of Conn., Smith, of N. Y., Tewksbury, of Md.

Committee on Grand Lodges not represented.—Reps. Potts, of Ill., Frost, of Mass., Kingsbury, of Maine.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Brunet, of Va., Brown of Ind., Bayley, of Md.

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Read, of N. Jersey, Barrows, of Miss., Andrews, of La.

The M. W. Grand Sire, presented the following, being his annual report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

BROTHERS:—In conformity with the rules of your body, I present the usual annual report from the office of the Grand Sire, and it is with the most lively satisfaction that I commence by informing you of the continued and increasing prosperity of our beloved Order. By reason of a misadventure which happened to a package containing the most important papers belonging to the Grand Secretary's office, and the non-arrival of which, until last evening, prevented that officer from completing his report; I am unable to lay before you any of the statistical facts connected with the progress of the Order during the past year. The report of the Grand Secretary, however, will be presented at the earliest possible moment, and to that paper I beg leave to refer you.

Authority was given to me at your last communication to issue charters in proper form of law to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern New York, so soon as I should be advised officially of the selection by those bodies of their location. I was accordingly advised in the month of October of the selection of Utica, by the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, in which committee plenary power for that purpose appeared to be vested under their Constitution. The information came to me from the office of the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, and was certified by its seal. I therefore met the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, attended by other members of the Standing Committee, and delivered to the Grand Master, in person, a charter which contained a recital of your action. It was not until the month of January, that the official advice reached me of the selection of Utica by the Grand Encampment of Northern New York. It being then impossible for me to attend in person, I issued a deputation to Past Grand Representative W. W. Dibblee, of Southern New York, who presented a charter to the said Grand Encampment, prepared in the same form as the charter of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York. In both charters the location, Utica, was of course inserted. I am happy to add that, so far as my information goes, few relics now remain of the excited contest which for so long a time paralyzed the energies of the Order in New York, and caused apprehension of great danger to our institution in the minds of nearly all the brotherhood.

According to your instruction, in conjunction with the G. Secretary I made, in January last, an assessment on the several local G. Bodies, to meet the payment of the mileage and per diem of Representatives and Officers, under the law of the last session. The assessment went out in February. Detailed information under this head will be sur-

nished you in the Grand Secretary's report, and I beg leave to direct your special attention to the fact that very many of the Grand Bodies under your jurisdiction have neglected to pay the amount assessed against them. So far as the expediency of the present system of assessment is concerned, there may be, and there is, much difference of opinion. I do not hesitate to express my own opinion that it requires great modifications, and indeed I would be better satisfied, if in the exercise of your discretion, you should come to the conclusion altogether to abrogate it. The payment of the expenses of your members out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge might be continued and the necessary ways and means might be furnished by raising the prices of the books, cards, odes, &c., &c., supplied by this Grand Lodge to the subordinate bodies. In this immediate connection, I respectfully suggest to you the inquiry whether, or not, your law of mileage should not be so modified as to provide only for the payment of actual travelling expenses. As the law now stands, it is unequal in its operation; in some cases allowing more, and in some less than the cost of travel. The intention of the law certainly was to provide for the payment, perhaps on a liberal footing, of the expenses of members, and money should neither be made nor lost under its operation. Before I leave this subject, I must add that while I entertain the opinion which I have expressed, touching the expediency of the law of assessment, I hold this Grand Lodge bound to vindicate the dignity of her proceedings, and the authority of her laws, by requiring the prompt discharge of the assessment already made. The Grand Secretary will furnish you the names of such Grand Bodies as have paid, and such as are in default, and I leave it to your wisdom to devise proper measures to meet the emergency.

The communication of 1849-50, adjourned over from Baltimore to Cincinnati, was closed on Saturday night last. The object of the adjournment was the revision of your Constitution and the proposition of amendments to be reported to this Annual Communication for action thereon. I submit to you the proceedings of the adjourned communication, and refer you to the amendments there reported; but I trust you will excuse me for adding, that in my judgment the spirit of your Constitution would be violated by taking action upon amendments thus proposed. It is true that this Grand Lodge is the judge of the necessity of alterations in her own laws, but I consider it to be only proper that where the fundamental law is to be altered, the Order at large should have an opportunity of examining the proposed alterations. We have lived long and grown great under our present Constitution, and I can see no reason for sudden or violent change.

I present for your review an application for a Grand Lodge in Florida; and a paper purporting to be an appeal by Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from a decision of said Grand Lodge.

Having now laid before you all the information which I have to communicate, I invoke in your behalf the guidance of the Almighty Being who has permitted our Fraternity to reach its present condition

of unsurpassed prosperity, and, in the humble hope that His favor will not be withdrawn, I trust that you will be permitted to strengthen and beautify the edifice which your fathers built.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

On motion of Rep. Sanford, of Conn., the report of the Grand Sire was referred to a select committee, for the distribution of the several subjects therein referred to. The Chair named as the committee Reps. Sanford, of Conn., Chase, of N. H., Davies, of S. N. York.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was adopted. The Chair named as the committee, Reps. Wood, of N. J., Hunt, of Md., Stewart, of Delaware:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of last session.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do meet daily, during the session, at 9 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., asked a division of the question; and the question being on the first branch of the resolution submitted by Rep. Wood, of N. J., it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the last branch of the resolution, Rep. Magruder, of the D. of C., moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the morning meeting of the Grand Lodge be adjourned at one P. M. and that an afternoon session be held to begin at 3½ P. M.

Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, moved the previous question, which was not seconded by the Lodge.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., it was agreed to, and the question being on the second branch of the resolution of Rep. Wood, of N. J., as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, from day to day, for the use of the members, omitting from said daily publication such documents as the members may be furnished with in a printed form.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

Strike out "1000" and insert "500."

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Wood, of N. J., as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That all amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge now pending, and which were presented at the late adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. be laid over for action until the regular annual session in September, 1851.

Rep. Stuart, of D. of C., moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That all propositions to amend the Constitution of this Grand Lodge submitted at the adjourned session held on the 9th of September, inst., together with all other proposed amendments to that instrument, be referred to a special committee of five, to be appointed by the Grand Sire, whose duty it shall be to meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by them, and to take into consideration the present Constitution, as well as the proposed amendments thereto, and to digest and report the same with such alterations or amendments

as may be deemed advisable to the September session of 1851, when the same shall be laid on the table until the next succeeding stated meeting, to be considered and acted upon by the Representatives to that session, as provided for by the present Constitution.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved further to amend as follows:

After the words "Grand Lodge of the United States," to insert the following: "be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and for every day thereafter until disposed of."

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Conley, of Ga., it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Abell, Barnard, Barrows, Bebee, Brown, of Ind., Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Clark, Colfax, Conley, (2 votes,) Corneau, Currier, McEwen, Manchester, Martin, Meredith, Page, Read, Sanford, Smith, of Tenn., Smith, of S. N. Y., Trippe, Wakeley, Ward, Webster, Wheeler, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood—34.

NAYS.—Abbott, Andrews, of La., Askew, Bayly, of D. of C., Bayley, of Md., Chester, (2 votes,) Curtis, Davies, Ellison, Ely, Flint, Frost, Garritt, Holmes, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Larue, Libby, Magruder, Narine, Penny, Pindle, Potts, Rice, Shaw, Smith, of Ky., Smith, of Del., Stewart, of Del., Stuart, of D. of C., Stokes, Tewksbury, Valleau, Vennigerholz, Williams, of Maine—38.

The question recurring on the amendment submitted by Rep. Stuart, of D. of C., Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Grand Lodge two hundred and fifty copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution which are now pending. They shall be arranged in proper numerical order, and so that all amendments offered to any article shall be placed together. The consideration thereof shall be made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, and until they shall be disposed of.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the previous question, which was not seconded by the Lodge.

The question recurred on the amendment submitted by Rep. Wakeley, of Wis.

Rep. Larue, of La., asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the amendment, to wit: "the printing of two hundred and fifty copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution now pending, in proper numerical order, and all amendments offered to any article to be placed together."

Rep. Vennigerholz moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the first branch of the amendment submitted by Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second branch of Rep. Wakeley's amendment, "that the consideration of amendments to the Constitution pending shall be made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, until disposed of," it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abell, Barnard, Barrows, Bebee, Brown, of Ind., Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Clarke, Colfax, Conley, Corneau, (2 votes,) Currier, McEwen, Manchester, Martin, Meredith Page, Read, Sanford, Smith, of Tenn., Smith, of N. N. Y., Steele, Trippe, Wakeley, Ward, (2 votes,) Webster, Wheeler, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodruff—34.

NAYS.—Abbett, Andrews, of La., Askew, Bayly, of D. of C., Bayley, of Md., Chester, (2 votes,) Curtis, Davies, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Flint, Frost, Garritt, Holmes, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Larue, Libby, Magruder, Narine, Penny, Pindle, Potts, Rice, Shaw, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Del., Stewart, of Del., Stuart, of D. of C., Stokes, Tewksbury, Valleau, Vennigerholz, Williams, of Maine—38.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, as amended, he asked and obtained leave to withdraw his amendment

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. Ellision, of Mass., upon which

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the previous question, which was not seconded by the Lodge.

The hour having arrived fixed by the order of the morning (1 o'clock) for adjournment, the Lodge, on motion, adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

3½ o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to the order of the morning session. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, the same Grand Officers as of the morning session, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the adjournment, to wit, the resolution of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., as follows:

Resolved, That all amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge now pending, and which were presented at the late Adjourned Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be laid over for action until the regular session in September, 1851.

Rep. Stuart, of D. of C., asked leave to renew the amendment withdrawn by him at the morning session, which was granted.

On motion, of Rep. Meredith, of Ind., the whole subject was laid on the table.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the fourth resolution as reported by the Legislative Committee, to be found on page 1490 Journal 1849, and as amended on page 1498 and as adopted on page 1510 same Journal, be, and the same is hereby repealed; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall exonerate any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the payment of the assessment already made, or in anywise prejudice or affect that question.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are hereby instructed to report to the Grand Lodge the probable amount of expenses, including mileage and per diem of members, for the current year, and also to report on the practicability of raising revenue sufficient to meet the same, by the sale of supplies, &c., furnished by this body.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to postpone the resolution until 3½ o'clock P. M. to-morrow, and that it be made the special order for that hour, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution submitted by Rep. Curtis, of Pa., a division of the question was called for, and the question being on the first resolution, the yeas and nays were required.

Before the call of the roll, Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., raised a point of order, "that after the order for yeas and nays, no motion was in order."

The Chair decided that the call for yeas and nays opens debate and makes any motion admissible.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Vennigerholz to refer to the Committee on Finance, it was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the first resolution submitted by Rep. Curtis, of Pa., which was adopted. The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbott, Abell, Andrews of La., Bayly of D. C., Bayley of Md., Barnard, Bebee, Brown of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Chester, (2 votes,) Conley, Corneau, (2 votes,) Currier, Curtis, Davies, Egan, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Flint, Frost, Holmes, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Larue, Libby, McEwen, Magruder, (2 votes,) Manchester, Martin, (2 votes,) Narine, Pindle, Potts, Read, Rice, Sanford, Shaw, Smith of Tenn., Smith of Ky., Smith of Del., Smith of N. N. Y., Steele, Stewart of Del., Stuart of D. C., Stokes, Tewksbury, Vennigerholz, Ward, Webster, Wheeler, Willey, Williams of Me., Williams of Ohio, Wood, Woodruff—82.

NAYS—Askew, Brown of Ind., Colfax, Meredith, Page, Penny, Valleau, Wakeley, Trippe—9.

The question recurring on the second resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., it was resolved in the affirmative unanimously.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., from the committee to whom that subject was referred, made the following report, which, by unanimous consent, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire to allot the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend—

That so much of said report as relates to "the present system of assessment," and "raising the prices of the books, cards, odes," &c., be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the subject of mileage, (reducing the same to the exact amount of Representatives' travelling expenses,) be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as relates to "constitutional amendments reported from the late adjourned session," be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to "an application for a Grand Lodge in Florida," be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to "a paper purporting to be an appeal," &c., be referred to the Committee on Appeals. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM E. SANFORD,
F. R. CHASE,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to examine and report what unfinished business of the last September session requires to be acted upon at this communication, respectfully report, that upon examination of the proceedings they find the following, viz:

Amendments to the Constitution,

Proposed by Rep. Webster, of R. I., to Art. VIII, page 1407.

" " Della Torre, of S. C., to Art. VIII, page 1521.

" " Colfax, of Ind., to Art. VIII, " 1522.

" " Stokes, of Pa., to Art. X, " "

" " " " " XI, " "

" " " " " III, " "

Resolution offered by Rep. Spooner, of Ohio, - " 1442.

JOSEPH WOOD,
JOHN W. HUNT,
JAMES STEWART.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., presented a petition for a Subordinate Lodge at the Falls of St. Anthony, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Larue, of La., presented the appeal of P. G. Rep. Mott, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, with accompanying documents, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, presented an appeal from Jacob Levi, of that State, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with the certified assent of said Grand Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Pindle, of Ky., presented a paper touching the Morrison Transylvania University of Kentucky.

On his motion to make the subject the special order of the day for Wednesday at 10 o'clock, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Pindle, of Ky., to refer the paper to a special committee, it was agreed to, and the Chair named Reps. Pindle, of Ky., Barnard, of N. N. Y., and Larue, of La., as the committee.

Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., presented an amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Andrews, of La., presented an amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the reference of the following inquiries to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to:

"Can a member who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, or unworthy conduct, be arraigned, tried and expelled, without first being reinstated and placed in a position to defend himself before his Lodge, as guaranteed to all members of the Order against whom charges have been preferred?

"Is a brother suspended for non-payment of dues suspended as a means of punishment—are not all suspensions of membership intended as a means of punishment?"

Rep. Conley, of Ga., submitted the following additional By-Law, which was laid on the table for one day, as required by the By-Laws:

"The Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any enquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the Body by an appeal from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Encampment."

Rep. Egan, of N. N. Y., presented the Constitution of the Grand Camp of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Bebee, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., presented amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, moved the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its annual session in January, 1850, a vote has been taken in the Subordinate Lodges of Ohio for and against a removal of said Grand Lodge to the city of Columbus, and for and against making said Grand Lodge a moveable body, which has resulted in favor of removal to Columbus, and locating it permanently at that city. Therefore,

Resolved, That the prayer of the majority of the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be granted, and that the charter of said Grand Lodge is hereby amended so that its sessions shall hereafter be held in the city of Columbus.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, moved to refer the resolution with accompanying papers to a select committee of three.

Rep. Kennedy moved to amend, by striking out "a select committee of three," and inserting "the standing Committee on Petitions," which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. McEwen as amended, it was agreed to.

Rep. Shaw, of Ala., presented a paper from the Grand Lodge of that State, touching the P. O. Degrees; which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to request the State Grand Encampments who may have in their possession the work of the P. O. Degrees of C. P. and H. P. to return the same to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved to amend by directing the Grand Officers of Grand Encampments to destroy said work, and to certify such destruction to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Rep. Frost, of Mass., moved to refer the whole subject to a select committee, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Barnard, it was agreed to and the resolution of Rep. Curtis, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Smith, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into the propriety of instituting appropriate honorary degrees as follows: One for the wives and daughters of age of Scarlet Degree members; also one for the wives and daughters of Past Officers.

Rep. Read, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed five hundred Grand Lodge certificates, and that one copy be presented to each Grand Representative and Past Grand Representative of this body who has not already received one.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Sept. 17—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this morning pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary presented the following, being the annual report of that officer, which, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., was referred, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the several subjects therein referred to, to the same committee who had in charge the Grand Sire's report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, in obedience to the requirements of law, has the honor to submit the usual Annual Report of the office of Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The accompanying resolutions of the last Session indicate the duties charged upon his office during the vacation:

1. *Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., touching the decease of P. G. Rep. Albert G. Day, of Ohio, be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of the State of Ohio; and, also, to the father of the deceased, Elias Day.—Journal 1849, page 1397.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and the family of our deceased brother, P. G. Wm. Simons, late Representative in this body from Rhode Island, be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States touching his death.—Journal 1849, page 1397.

3. *Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to Past Grand Sire HORN R. KNEASS, for the dignity, courtesy and ability with which he has presided over its deliberations during the term of his official service, as Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

4. *Resolved further*, That the Grand Secretary cause a copy of the above resolution, properly attested, to be inserted in a Diploma and presented to Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass.—Journal 1849, page 1437.

5. *Resolved*, That to meet the payment of the per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body—said assessment to consist of a percentage on the members of each State Grand Body respectively.—Journal 1849, pages 1490, 1522.

6. *Resolved*, That the officers of this Lodge, in making an assessment in conformity with resolutions adopted at this session, shall make an assessment merely for such sums as may be necessary, in addition to the Representative Tax.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to comply with the instructions found on page 1304 vol. 3, touching the Wilkey Annuity.—Journal 1849, page 1494.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to have the Form of Installation for Subordinate Lodges stereotyped, to correspond with the other works of this Order.

The directions embraced in the first and second resolutions have been appropriately performed, through the Grand Representatives of the States of Ohio and Rhode Island.

The third resolution has also been complied with, and the answer of the distinguished P. G. Sire, acknowledging the high and well deserved compliment of the Grand Lodge of the United States is herewith presented.

The authority delegated in the fourth and fifth resolutions to the Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary has been by them ex-

exercised, and the assessment, amounting to \$11,273.50, has been levied in manner and amounts following:

G. L. of Maryland, - -	\$537.00	G. E. of Maryland, - - -	\$68.75
" Massachusetts, - -	742.56½	" Massachusetts, - - -	97.37½
" S. New York, - -	1,449.50	" S. New York, - - -	62.87½
" Pennsylvania, - -	2,079.12½	" Pennsylvania, - - -	280.81½
" Dis. of Columbia, -	76.00	" Dis. of Columbia, - -	20.68½
" Delaware, - - -	90.43½	" Delaware, - - -	10.00
" Ohio, - - -	596.62½	" Ohio, - - -	97.62½
" Louisiana, - - -	113.18½	" Louisiana, - - -	24.31½
" New Jersey, - - -	446.12½	" New Jersey, - - -	48.75
" Kentucky, - - -	172.56½	" Kentucky, - - -	33.12½
" Virginia, - - -	306.00	" Virginia, - - -	39.81½
" Indiana, - - -	177.25	" Indiana, - - -	21.25
" Mississippi, - - -	90.18½	" Mississippi, - - -	13.06½
" Missouri, - - -	120.75	" Missouri, - - -	17.12½
" Illinois, - - -	157.12½		
" Connecticut, - - -	371.56½	" Connecticut, - - -	36.37½
" Tennessee, - - -	137.81½	" Tennessee, - - -	19.62½
" Texas, - - -	8.68½		
" South Carolina, - -	103.87½	" South Carolina, - -	11.81½
" Alabama, - - -	85.68½	" Alabama, - - -	10.00
" North Carolina, - -	63.87½	" North Carolina, - -	11.43½
" Georgia, - - -	121.31½	" Georgia, - - -	21.50
" Maine, - - -	367.87½	" Maine, - - -	40.75
" R. Island, - - -	96.06½	" R. Island, - - -	23.00
" N. Hampshire, - -	150.00	" N. Hampshire, - -	22.18½
" Michigan, - - -	171.43½	" Michigan, - - -	19.25
" Wisconsin, - - -	113.06½	" Wisconsin, - - -	9.87½
" Vermont, - - -	52.56½		
" Iowa, - - -	44.62½		
" Arkansas, - - -	9.00		
" N. New York, - - -	1,035.50	" N. New York, - - -	127.75
	<u>\$10,087.37½</u>		<u>\$1,189.12½</u>

Total, - \$11,273.50

This assessment is not computed, it will be readily observed, as the law specifically directs, "by the nearest mail route from the residences of the Representatives to the city of Cincinnati." The reasons and necessity for this departure from the letter of the law requires explanation. Soon after the close of the last session, application was made to the Post Office Department at Washington for a copy of the mail-routes of the United States, with their distances. In answer to this application, information was received that it was not in the power of the department to furnish the intelligence desired. Application was then made through a distinguished brother in Washington to the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, and a pamphlet was received containing a list of the post-routes and the distances from the Capitals of the States respectively to Washington. It being necessary, under the law, to compute the mileage "by the nearest mail route from the residences of Representatives to Cincinnati," this book supplied no information, except in cases where the residences of the Representatives who held over from last session were at the capital of the State: and one-half of the Representatives being not yet elected by the State Grand

Bodies, the place of residence of such could not by possibility be known. It was thus apparent to the Grand Officers that the law, according to its literal terms, could not be executed. Under these circumstances, it became necessary to choose between a resort to other means of making the assessment, and an entire abandonment of the law. The Grand Officers did not hesitate in the performance of what they believed to be their duty. Accordingly, they determined to assume an average distance between the city of Cincinnati and some central, or nearly central point of the United States; and upon that assumption to base the computation of mileage—thus levying the gross sum necessary to defray the expense incident to the session, and leaving to the Grand Lodge when assembled, the adoption of such plan as in its wisdom might be deemed proper for a just apportionment of the mileage among its members, when their residences should be definitively known. Taking, therefore, sixteen hundred miles as the average distance to be traveled by each member entitled to mileage under the law, going to and returning from the session, the sum of \$9,984 was levied to pay the mileage of ninety-six Representatives and eight officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In the matter of per diem, the sum of \$3,636 was levied to defray the allowance of \$3 per day to ninety-six Representatives and five non-salaried officers; from which abstracting the Representatives' Tax, reaching \$2,016, left the aggregate assessment \$11,604. The Grand Officers, however, hoping only to approximate the necessary amount to meet the emergency, concluded to levy the sum of six and one-fourth cents a member, upon the returns made by the State Grand Bodies at the last session, and the returns made at the former session by such Grand Bodies as failed to report at the last session: accordingly, an assessment was made upon the basis of one hundred and eighty thousand four hundred and fifty-seven members, producing the sum of \$11,278 56 cents; being less by some three hundred dollars than the estimated expense of the session for account of mileage and per diem.

This course was pursued from the necessity which has already been stated—of adopting some mode of computing the mileage other than the one prescribed by the literal terms of the law, the execution of which was impracticable. Should this approximate assessment exceed the amount necessary, or fall short of it, it will be for the Grand Lodge in the one case to refund the excess, and in the other to provide for its collection. Circulars were issued from this office in February last to each of the State Grand Bodies, accompanied with a bill of the assessment levied upon them respectively. To this, however, the undersigned regrets to say that an obedient response has not been received in some instances, and resolutions adopted by some of the State Grand Bodies adverse to its payment have been returned, copies of which are herewith reported. If it be deemed proper to continue this law in force, essential modifications are necessary, in order to enable the Grand Officers to compute the mileage of Representatives from their residences, one-half of whom,

not being chosen when the assessment is to be made, their places of residence must necessarily be unknown, and must for the most part continue to be unknown until the session of the Grand Lodge. Much complaint has been urged against the law, to all of which, doubtless, due consideration will be given at your present session. In the experience of the undersigned, the old system worked well, and in so far as he has been informed, gave general satisfaction.

The Corresponding Secretary, as directed by the seventh resolution, has carried the sums donated for account of the "Wildey fund" to the credit of Bro. Wildey's indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and caused the "Wildey annuity" to be paid to him from time to time, as the same has been received, a statement of which account accompanies this report.

I beg touching this subject to repeat the suggestion made in my last annual report: the entire estate of Bro. Wildey being vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States, that some legislation be had declaratory of the fact that this property is held only in the nature of a pledge for the amount advanced, subject to redemption by him, and his heirs, without interest.

In obedience to the resolution of 22d September, Session 1849, Grand Charters were issued to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampments of Northern New York, respectively, the former of which was duly installed by the Grand Sire in person and the latter by P. G. Representative W. W. Dibblee, of New York, who was specially deputed for that purpose: the return of Bro. Dibblee is herewith submitted.

The undersigned has during the vacation been much embarrassed for want of supplies, to meet the urgent demands of the Order, especially in the matter of Digests, and vols. 1 and 2 of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States. These two works have become in a great measure text Books, and the inquirer into the history and progress of the Order is constantly seeking them at this office, when the editions heretofore published are wholly exhausted, and no copies, especially of the Journal, can be procured at any price. In my last annual report I suggested the propriety of a reprint of the Journal, from the stereotype, now in possession of the Corresponding Secretary, and that a committee be charged with the revision and publication of the same. I beg to renew that suggestion, satisfied in my own mind that if the work was in hand, it would command at a reasonable price ready sale, and supply a very general want among the Brotherhood.

To provide in some degree for the constant demand upon the office for Digests, in the absence of all power to reprint an edition, I authorized Bro. William Curtis to use the copy right of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the publication of an edition of five thousand copies under a contract to deliver free of charge at this office one hundred copies for every thousand printed for the use of such copy right: these copies were received, and have supplied the applications made for that work. At the last session it was resolved to give to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States a

legislative form, and a committee was appointed to prepare such a system, with instructions also to modify the Digest in conformity with such legislative form as they might recommend. Should the report of the committee become a law, no further necessity will exist for a reprint of the Digest, and a new work will be necessarily substituted in its stead, suited to the legislative form which may be adopted—otherwise it will be necessary to authorise a new edition of the Digest. During a series of years, the undersigned has importuned the Grand Lodge to relieve the office of Corresponding Secretary from the responsibility which under existing circumstances devolve upon it, of entering into contracts during the recess for supplies. To some extent this appeal has been recognised by the law of the last session, authorising the appointment of a committee to contract for the public printing; but there remains yet a large amount of responsibility with the Corresponding Secretary, in the purchase of indispensable necessities during the recess, which involve an expenditure of some thousands of dollars, such as printing cards, upwards of sixty thousand of which have been printed and sold during the past fiscal year; also the printing of diplomas, charge and installation books, and the Encampment work. The undersigned is not desirous of shrinking from any just responsibility, yet he respectfully suggests that no expense should be incurred without authority of law, and provision should be made for appropriations to meet the wants of this office, and nothing should be left to the discretion or responsibility of the incumbent. In this connexion I report that during the past year one hundred blank diplomas (charter form) and sixty-four thousand cards have been printed and paid for, vouchers for which will be submitted by the Grand Treasurer. The stock of Degree Books is nearly exhausted, and a new edition will be necessary for the coming year. Since your last session, the Portrait of P. G. S. Sherlock and the Corresponding Secretary, authorised at the session of 1847, have been received at this office, and have been paid for. In conformity with the order of the last session, authorising the restoration of the Charter of Wilkey Camp, No. 1, at Alton, Ill., the warrant was returned on the 30th day of May, 1850, and the Camp has been thoroughly re-organised under the most prosperous auspices. This warrant was entrusted to P. G. M. I. M. Veitch, of Missouri, who kindly consented to officiate on the occasion, and who promptly performed the special duty assigned to him.

The correspondence of the year has been as usual voluminous, a synopsis of which exhibiting the progress and condition of the Order in the State jurisdictions is subjoined.

Foreign Relations.—No correspondence has been officially had with the Grand Lodge of British North America. Private advices present the gratifying intelligence that the Order is in prosperous circumstances in that jurisdiction.

Michigan.—The Order maintains a steady and healthful progress in Michigan. Six new Lodges have been instituted in the year, and there has been a respectable increase of members.

Vermont.—The Annual Report of this Grand Lodge not being yet

made, I am unable to furnish any reliable report of the advances of the Order within its borders, its demand for supplies during the year indicates the growing condition of the Order.

Maine.—Odd-Fellowship continues to prosper within the jurisdiction of Maine.

Massachusetts.—The Order preserves its average strength in this State, and perfect harmony prevails throughout this jurisdiction.

New Hampshire.—Information through G. Rep. Parker of this State has been received, showing the gratifying fact that the Order "has steadily increased in New Hampshire. During the past year five new Lodges have been formed, and all is prosperity and harmony. In the town of Dover, the Order has purchased a burial lot and erected in the centre of it a most splendid marble monument, fifteen feet high, embellished with the emblems of the Order, at a cost of \$800, and paid for without trespassing upon the funds of the Lodge."

Rhode Island.—In both branches of Odd-Fellowship the highest degree of prosperity prevails in Rhode Island.

Connecticut.—The Order in this State continues gradually to increase, and the utmost harmony prevails among the Brotherhood.

New York.—The re-organization of this State, by its division into Northern and Southern jurisdictions has been consummated, in each section of which there has been a large accession of Lodges and membership.

Pennsylvania.—This great State in the Order is still advancing in strength and members. I regret that I am without the Annual Reports, to enable me to present a proper view of the progress of Odd-Fellowship within it during the past year. I learn that the State has had a season of unexampled prosperity, the number of Lodges now reaching four hundred, with a constituency of forty thousand members.

New Jersey.—Odd-Fellowship has a firm hold upon the people of this State, and is in every respect prosperous within its limits.

Delaware.—The Annual Report of the State (always made in proper time) shows a steady increase in the jurisdiction of Lodges and membership, now numbering twenty-four Lodges with a membership of nearly one thousand six hundred.

Maryland.—The Order is highly prosperous in both branches in Maryland, the number of Lodges now reaching seventy, without a vacant number.

District of Columbia.—Odd-Fellowship, though not rapidly increasing in this jurisdiction, continues to maintain its former strength, and to enjoy uninterrupted prosperity.

Virginia.—The Order continues rapidly to advance in this jurisdiction, every part of the State being now covered with Lodges, and the administration of the affairs of the Order evinces a most sedulous devotion for its welfare. Eight new Encampments have been formed during the year, and the increase of membership in that branch has been proportionately large. Fifteen new Lodges have been formed and over one thousand has been added to the membership.

North Carolina.—I have but little information to report of the progress in this State, the correspondence with its Grand Officers

having been limited during the year: if the same energy has prevailed which characterised its progress during the past year, a large increase in Lodges and membership has doubtless taken place. Three new Encampments have been formed during the year.

South Carolina.—The report of the prompt and efficient G. Secretary of this jurisdiction evinces the highest degree of prosperity in this State.

Georgia.—Odd-Fellowship continues to advance in both branches in this State, and to maintain its former elevated ground.

Florida.—Three additional Lodges have been instituted in this State during the recess, making now eight Subordinates, under the immediate jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of the United States. No further steps have been taken to organize a State Grand Lodge in Florida.

Mississippi.—The efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Dicks, of this State, continues to correspond with this office and to supply the most gratifying intelligence of the onward progress of Odd-Fellowship in Mississippi.

Alabama.—I am entirely without advices from this State, the annual report not having been received.

Louisiana.—All is prosperous in Louisiana, and the Order is advancing with great rapidity.

Missouri.—Bro. I. M. Veitch, the able Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, presents the most gratifying account of the progress of Odd Fellowship in Missouri; the career of the Order continues to be onward and upward.

Illinois.—Odd-fellowship has awakened its energies in this State, and is advancing under the most prosperous circumstances; a G. Encampment charter has been issued, but as yet no return of its institution.

Indiana.—The Order in this State is prosperous in both branches, and the State is being literally covered with Lodges.

Ohio.—The rapid progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, reported at the last session, continues uninterruptedly. In the language of Grand Secretary Glenn: "The Order in Ohio continues steadily to prosper. The greatest harmony and good feeling pervades the entire jurisdiction, and everything indicates a harmonious and prosperous future. Lodges are rapidly increasing—every year adding a good number, and all well sustained."

Kentucky.—This State continues rapidly to advance in membership and lodges; the increase during the past year being co-extensive with the progress of the preceding year.

Tennessee.—Odd Fellowship maintains a continuous increase of strength in this jurisdiction, and its march is still onward.

Arkansas.—It is gratifying to report that the Order in Arkansas continues to progress, and that under the auspices of a State Grand Lodge the former depression of Odd Fellowship has been entirely substituted by a growing prosperity.

Wisconsin.—In this State the Order is prospering in all its departments. Fourteen new Lodges have been formed during the year, and six hundred members have been added over the return of last year.

Iowa.—An account current was rendered by the late D. D. G.

Sire for Iowa, dated 1st July, 1849, exhibiting a balance in his hands of \$151.98; since which time another year's dues have accrued to the Grand Lodge of the United States; no further report whatever has been received from the State. An application for a Grand Encampment has been received, but declined because of the failure of the Subordinates to report.

Texas.—This State has paid the assessment-tax into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and advices from the jurisdiction represent the Order to be in a good condition. The Grand Lodge has now sixteen subordinates under her jurisdiction, and they are all in a healthful and flourishing condition.

Sandwich Islands.—D. D. G. Sire Alex. V. Frazer reports that the Order in this distant jurisdiction is in the most prosperous condition, stimulated thereto in a good degree by his presence and encouragement.

Oregon.—No report or information from this Territory.

California.—The Lodge in this new State is represented by D. D. G. Sire Frazer as advancing rapidly in usefulness and membership. It is said that there are twelve Lodges in the new State but of this we have no official information.

Minoseta.—From the report of D. D. G. S. Potts, the Order appears to be in prosperous circumstances.

New Mexico.—Herewith is presented an application from a convention of Odd-Fellows, held at Santa Fe, for a new Lodge—declined by the Grand Officers for want of power. The applicants represent the prospect of a good lodge to be flattering.

The Revised Journal of the last session was distributed when received from the printer in the proportions prescribed by law, and it is believed was received by the State authorities.

Herewith is submitted the constitution and by-laws, together with the printed Journals of various State Grand Bodies, transmitted to this office during the recess. Warrants have been issued, in conformity to law, with the approbation of the Grand Sire since, your adjournment

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENTS:

Illinois, at Peoria

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Lodge No. 7, Tampa, Florida.

Mechanics, No. 8, Navy-Yard, Washington, Florida.

St. Pauls, No. 2, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS:

Arkansas, No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Fort Smith, " 3, Fort Smith, do.

Peoria, " 15, Peoria, Illinois.

Prairie State Camp, No. 16, Springfield, Illinois.

The several applications, together with the returns of the institution of the same, are herewith submitted.

In obedience to the law of the Digest requiring the Recording Secretary "to pay over all moneys received by him during the recess for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from what source, and for what object," the following statement is made of the receipts of this office during

the fiscal year 1849—50. I also annex a supplementary exhibit of the receipts, from what sources, and for what objects, since the close of the fiscal year up to and inclusive of the first day of the annual session. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury—vouchers for which accompany the report:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
1849—1850.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT.	V.
1849. Oct. 26.	— Lodge, No. 7, Florida.....	Warrants	\$30 00	542
Nov. 17.	Salem Encampment, No. 14, Illinois....	"	30 00	544
Dec. 4.	Peoria Encampment, No. 15, Illinois....	"	30 00	545
" 18.	Prairie State Encampment, No. 16, Ill....	"	30 00	546
1850. May 24.	Grand Encampment of Iowa.....	"	30 00	571
July 29.	Mechanics Lodge, No. 8, Florida.....	"	30 00	579
Total for Warrants.....			\$180 00	
1849. Oct. 9.	Sirion Encampment, No. 11, Illinois....	Dues.	\$5 00	529
" 13.	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	31 42	540
1850. Jan. 23.	Wauponsie Encampment, No. 13, Ill....	"	7 15	553
" 26.	Sirion Encampment, No. 11, Illinois....	"	10 00	554
Feb. 7.	Chicago Encampment, No. 10, Ill....	"	6 15	555
" "	Union Encampment, No. 8, Ill....	"	5 00	555
" 21.	Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, Florida.....	"	22 25	557
" 27.	Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, Florida.....	"	23 50	558
Mar. 9.	Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas..	"	26 86	559
" 23.	Lead Mine Encampment, No. 5, Ill....	"	7 00	562
Apr. 19.	Allen Encampment, No. 4, Illinois....	"	5 00	564
May 23.	Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Illinois..	"	8 00	570
July 15.	Franklin Lodge, No. 6, Florida.....	"	85 00	574
" 17.	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	38 42	575
" 30.	Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, Florida.....	"	27 60	580
Aug. 9.	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	36 03	581
" 26.	Prairie State Encampment, No. 16, Ill..	"	20 55	584
Total for Dues.....			\$364 93	
1849. Oct. 3.	Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, Illinois	Books.	\$6 00	536
" 8.	Ackeree Lodge, No. 14, N. Carolina...	"	1 00	538
1850. Jan. 7.	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	"	41 47	549
" 18.	Do. of North Carolina.....	"	31 50	552
Feb. 27.	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	6 00	557
April 30.	Do. Encampment of North Carolina...	"	12 50	565
May 13.	Wm. R. Stouch, Digests.....	"	20 00	567
" 16.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	103 00	569
June 10.	W. McClure, for Digests.....	"	12 00	573
July 23.	Grand Encampment of South Carolina..	"	50	576
Aug. 9.	Do. Encampment of Pennsylvania...	"	49 00	582
" "	Do. Lodge of Michigan.....	"	6 00	584
" 14.	Do. Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	45 00	586
" 15.	Do. Encampment of Va., Books & Digests,	"	30 00	587
" 20.	Do. Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	20 00	590
" 21.	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	11 00	591
" 26.	Do. Lodge of Delaware.....	"	6 00	593
" "	By cash for Digests at office.....	"	4 37	595
Total for Books.....			\$404 34	

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LOGGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	v.
1850. Aug. 12,	Grand Lodge of Michigan,.....	Diplomas.	\$12 00	584
" 14,	Do. do. of Wisconsin.....	"	12 00	586
" 21,	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	1 00	591
" 26,	Do. Lodge of Delaware.....	"	2 00	593
"	By cash at office.....	"	2 00	595
Total for Diplomas.....			\$29 00	
1849. Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	Cards.	\$50 00	530
" 22,	Do. do. of Michigan.....	"	125 00	533
" 27,	Do. do. of Indiana.....	"	170 00	536
Oct. 23,	Cash for Cards.....	"	1 25	541
1850. Feb. 7,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	125 00	556
Mar. 16,	Cash for Cards.....	"	5 00	561
May. 16,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	132 50	569
Aug. 9,	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	5 00	581
" 9,	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania...	"	75 00	582
" 12,	Do. Lodge of South Carolina.....	"	15 00	583
" 12,	Do. do. of Michigan.....	"	50 00	584
" 14,	Do. do. of Wisconsin.....	"	50 00	586
" 20,	Do. do. of Mississippi.....	"	100 00	590
" 21,	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	15 00	591
Total for Cards.....			\$918 25	
1849. Sept. 22,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	Odes.	\$20 00	533
" 27,	Do. do. of Indiana.....	"	10 00	536
Oct. 8,	Ackeree Lodge, No. 14, N. Carolina...	"	50	538
1850. Jan. 18,	Grand Lodge of N. Carolina.....	"	50	552
Feb. 7,	Do. do. of Ohio.....	"	20 00	556
May 16,	Do. do. of Virginia.....	"	27 00	569
Aug. 14,	Do. do. of Wisconsin.....	"	10 00	586
" 20,	Do. do. of Mississippi.....	"	10 00	590
" 21,	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	2 00	591
" 26,	By cash for Odes at office.....	"	1 00	595
Total for Odes.....			\$101 00	
1849. Sept. 19,	Grand Lodge of N. Carolina, 1849.....	Rep. Tax.	\$20 00	527
"	Do. Encampment of Georgia, 1849...	"	20 00	528
" 20,	Do. Lodge of N. Carolina, 1849.....	"	20 00	529
"	Do. Lodge of Alabama, 1849.....	"	40 00	530
" 21,	Do. Lodge of Maine, 1849.....	"	40 00	531
"	Do. Encampment of D. C., 1849.....	"	20 00	532
" 22,	Do. Lodge of Arkansas, 1849.....	"	20 00	534
" 27,	Do. Lodge of Indiana, 1849.....	"	40 00	536
1850. Mar. 9,	Do. Encampment of Michigan, 1849.....	"	20 00	558
May 13,	Do. Lodge of Alabama, balance on Representatives Tax, 1850.....	"	30 00	568
" 16,	Do. Lodge of Virginia, 1850.....	"	40 00	569
July 23,	Do. Encampment of S. Carolina, 1850	"	20 00	576
Aug. 9,	Do. Encampment of Pennsylv, 1850	"	40 00	582
" 12,	Do. Lodge of S. Carolina, 1850.....	"	40 00	583

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS-STATE-PLACE	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1850 Aug. 12.	Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1850.....	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00	584
" 14.	Do. Lodge of Wisconsin, 1850.....	"	40 00	586
" 15.	Do. Encampment of Virginia, 1850 ..	"	20 00	587
" 16	Do. Encampment of Mississippi, 1850 ..	"	20 00	588
" 20.	Do. Lodge of Mississippi, 1850.....	"	40 00	590
" 21.	Do. Encampment of Maryland, 1850.	"	40 00	591
" 26.	Do. Lodge of Delaware, 1850.....	"	40 00	593
Total for Representative Tax. ..			\$650 00	
1849. Sept. 20.	Surplus credit G. Lodge, of Alabama...	Miscell's.	\$10 00	530
" 22	F. S. Garritt for counterfeit bill.....	"	5 00	535
Oct. 1.	J. C. Bull for Covenant.....	"	123 16	535
" 8.	Error in Receipt, No. 519.....	"	9 00	537
Nov. 12.	1 quarter's interest on Md. State Stock..	"	49 11	543
Dec. 18.	Proceeds of special loan on account of Willey Fund.....	"	1500 00	547
" 23.	2 vols. of the Covenant.....	"	4 00	548
1850. Jan. 9.	Interest on Ohio Stock.....	"	192 00	550
" 9.	1 quarter's interest on Md. State Stock..	"	49 11	551
May 24.	1 quarter's interest on Md. State Stock..	"	49 11	572
Aug. 19.	6 months interest on Ohio State Stock...	"	192 00	589
" 26.	3 months interest of Md. State Stock...	"	40 92	592
Total for Miscellaneous			\$2223 41	
1850. Apr. 30.	Grand Encampment of N. Carolina.....	Balance.	\$22 00	565
May 13.	Do. Lodge of Illinois.....	"	446 00	566
July 23.	Do. Encampment of S. Carolina.....	"	26 50	576
"	Do. Encamp. of Ala., on account of..	"	30 00	577
Aug. 12.	Do. Lodge of South Carolina.....	"	15 00	583
"	Do. Lodge of Michigan.....	"	60 00	584
" 26.	Do. Lodge of Delaware.....	"	89 75	593
"	Do. Lodge of Illinois, on account....	"	45 594	
Total for balances.....			\$689 70	
1850. Mar. 9.	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	Asse. Tax	\$8 69	560
" 25.	Do. Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	90 19	563
May 13.	Do. Lodge of Alabama.....	"	85 69	568
" 16	Do. Lodge of Virginia.....	"	306 00	569
July 23.	Do. Encampment of S. Carolina.....	"	11 81	576
" 24.	Do. Lodge of Delaware.....	"	90 43	578
Aug. 12.	Do. Lodge of S. Carolina.....	"	103 87	583
"	Do. Lodge of Michigan.....	"	171 44	584
"	Do. Lodge of Dis. of Columbia.....	"	76 00	585
" 14.	Do. Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	103 06	586
" 15.	Do. Encampment of Virginia.....	"	39 81	587
" 16.	Do. Encampment of Mississippi.....	"	13 06	588
" 21.	Do. Encampment of Maryland.....	"	68 75	591
Total for Assessment Tax.....			\$1168 80	

The balance in the Treasury reported by the Committee on Finance at the last session was \$3,041 90 $\frac{1}{2}$, which has been applied, first, to the payment of the special appropriations charged upon the same, and the surplus, together with the accruing receipts of the year, have been, so far as was necessary, employed in the payment of the note of the Grand Lodge of United States for \$4,000, given by the Grand Officers in discharge of the appropriation made for the relief of P. G. Sire Wildey, which note has been retired, and will accompany the vouchers of the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Lodge of the United States have thus been enabled to extend to this worthy Brother the most substantial relief in the hour of his need, without the necessity of disturbing the invested funds, and at the same time without, in the slightest degree, embarrassing its fiscal operations. This act of commendable liberality and gratitude will pass to our posterity in the Order, as one among the many ennobling characteristics of the present generation of Odd Fellows, and as an enduring monument of the due appreciation on the part of the Grand Lodge of 1848 of the benefaction conferred upon us by the founder of the Order.

The ordinary current expenses of this office have also been discharged, including the salaries of officers and other contingencies, vouchers for which will appear.

Herewith is presented a tabular statement of the receipts for account of "Wildey fund and annuity," the latter having been, as directed, paid to the P. G. Sire, for which vouchers will appear. I also annex a statement made up from the annual reports, showing the progress of the Order during the past year, and the usual detailed balance sheet of the indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The undersigned will present, during your session, a supplementary report, showing the receipts into the Treasury from the termination of the fiscal year up to the annual session inclusive, with a detailed exhibit of the finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, its resources and liabilities.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. & R. Secretary.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, G. C. & R. Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed Supplementary Statement of the Receipts of his office, after the termination of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 1850.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS by G. Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of 16th of September, 1850.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1850. Sept. 14.	Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota.....	Warrants.	\$30 00	
"	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	"	30 00	
"	Ridgely Lodge, No. —, Florida.....	"	30 00	
	Total for Warrants.....		\$90 00	
1850. Sept. 1.	Lead Mine Camp, Ill.....	Dues.	\$12 67	596
"	Lone Star Camp, Texas.....	"	7 25	
" 14.	Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota.....	"	31 18	
"	Florida Lodge, No. 1, Florida.....	"	46 67	
"	Peoria Camp, Ill.....	"	12 60	
" 16.	Dues from Encampments of Iowa....	"	151 98	
	Total for Dues.....		\$262 35	
1850. Sept. 14.	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	Books.	\$6 00	
"	Do. Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	35 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Georgia.....	"	6 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Texas.....	"	3 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	22 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Digests.....	"	14 37	
"	Do. Encampment of N. New York....	"	19 00	
"	Do. Lodge of N. New York.....	"	102 00	
"	Do. Encampment of S. New York....	"	9 00	
" 16.	Do. Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	172 00	
	Total for Books.....		\$434 37	
1850. Sept. 14.	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	Diplomas.	\$12 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Delaware.....	"	2 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Rhode Island....	"	5 00	
	Total for Diplomas.....		\$19 00	
1850. Sept. 14.	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	Cards.	\$60 00	
"	Do. Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	84 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Texas.....	"	15 75	
"	Do. Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	25 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	300 00	
"	Do. Encampment of N. New York....	"	8 00	
"	Do. Lodge of N. New York.....	"	550 00	
"	Do. Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	15 00	
	Total for Cards.....		\$1,057 75	
1850. Sept. 14.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	Odes	\$1 00	
" 16.	Do. Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	50 00	
	Total for Odes.....		\$51 00	

Statement Continued.

DATE	LOGGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1850. Sept. 14,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	Rep. Tax.	\$403 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Missouri.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Georgia.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Delaware.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Texas.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Michigan.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Rhode Island.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Rhode Island.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Encampment of North Carolina.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Louisiana.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. Encampment of S. New York.....	"	40 00	
"	Do. do. of N. N. York, 1849-1850.....	"	80 00	
"	Do. Lodge of N. New York, do.....	"	80 00	
" 16,	Do. Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1850.....	"	40 00	
" 19,	Do. Encampment of Alabama.....	"	20 00	
Total for Representative Tax....			\$720 00	
1850. Sept. 14,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	Balances.	\$10 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Missouri.....	"	12 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	19 54	
"	Do. Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	242 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Delaware.....	"	52 50	
"	Do. Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	60 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Louisiana.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	32 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Michigan.....	"	20 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Dist. of Colum. on acc't.....	"	76 00	
" 19,	Do. Encampment of Alabama.....	"	10 00	
Total for Balances.....			\$554 04	
1850. Sept. 16,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	Assc. Tax	\$120 00	
"	Do. Encampment of Missouri.....	"	17 12	
"	Do. Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	150 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Georgia.....	"	121 31	
"	Do. Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	137 81	
"	Do. Encampment of Delaware.....	"	10 00	
"	Do. Lodge of Rhode Island.....	"	96 06	
"	Do. Encampment of Dist. of Columbia.....	"	20 68	
"	Do. Encampment of Rhode Island.....	"	23 00	
"	Do. Encampment of North Carolina.....	"	11 43	
"	Do. Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	113 19	
"	Do. Encampment of Louisiana.....	"	24 31	
"	Do. Encampment of S. New York.....	"	62 88	
"	Do. Encampment of N. New York.....	"	127 75	
"	Do. Lodge of N. New York.....	"	1,035 07	
"	Do. Lodge of Illinois.....	"	157 12	
" 19,	Do. Encampment of Alabama.....	"	10 00	
Total for Assessment Tax.....			\$2,250 95	

Due by State Grand Lodges to G. L. of the U. S., Sept. 20th, 1850

Maryland—			Rhode Island—		
Assessment Tax,	\$537 00		Cards, - -	\$50 00	
	<u>537 00</u>				50 00
Massachusetts—			Vermont—		
Books, - -	36 00		Books, - -	24 00	
Cards, - -	1 00		Cards, - -	35 00	
Assessment Tax,	743 56		Representative Tax,	20 00	
	<u>780 56</u>		Assessment Tax,	52 56	
					131 56
S. New York—			Iowa—		
Cards, - -	450 00		Books, - -	29 12½	
Books, - -	275 00				29 12½
Odes, - -	20 00		Kentucky—		
Representative Tax,	40 00		Cards, - -	149 00	
Assessment Tax,	1,219 94		Digest, - -	38	
	<u>2,004 94</u>		Assessment Tax,	172 56	
Pennsylvania—					321 94
Cards, - -	150 00		Virginia—		
Assessment Tax,	2,079 12½		Cards, - -	20 00	
	<u>2,229 12½</u>				20 00
D. of Columbia—			Indiana—		
Balance, - -	13 00		Cards - -	100 00	
Books, - -	4 00		Books, - -	103 14	
Cards, - -	25 00		Odes, - -	20 00	
Representative Tax,	40 00		Assessment Tax,	177 25	
	<u>82 00</u>				400 39
Delaware—			Missouri—		
Cards, - -	10 00		Books, - -	12 00	
	<u>10 00</u>		Cards, - -	50 00	
Ohio—					62 00
Books, - -	100 00		Mississippi—		
Cards, - -	200 00		Books, - -	48 00	
Diplomas, - -	75 00		Diplomas, - -	50 00	
Odes, - -	12 00				98 00
Representative Tax,	40 00		Connecticut—		
Assessment Tax,	596 62½		Balance, - -	128 50	
	<u>1,023 62½</u>		Cards, - -	60 00	
New Jersey—			Representative Tax,	40 00	
Books, - -	49 00		Assessment Tax,	371 56	
Cards, - -	1 00				600 06
Assessment Tax,	446 12		Tennessee—		
	<u>496 12</u>		Balance, - -	215 36	
Georgia—			Cards, - -	40 00	
Books, - -	20 00		Books, - -	48 00	
Cards, - -	15 00				303 36
	<u>35 00</u>		North Carolina—		
Monte—			Balance, - -	59 12½	
Balance, - -	153 00		Cards, - -	40 00	
Cards, - -	50 00		Books, - -	31 50	
Representative Tax,	40 00		Odes, - -	3 50	
Assessment Tax,	367 87½				
	<u>610 87½</u>				

North Carolina (continued)

Representative Tax,	\$40 00
Assessment Tax,	63 87½
	<u>\$238 00</u>

Arkansas—

Books, - - -	26 50
Cards, - - -	7 50
Odes, - - -	4 00
Digests, - - -	1 50
Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	9 00
	<u>68 50</u>

N. New York—

Charter Fee, -	\$30 00
Assessment Tax,	229 56
	<u>\$259 56</u>

Wisconsin—

Books, - - -	60 00
Cards, - - -	50 00
	<u>110 00</u>

Due from Grand Lodges, \$8,272 62

*Due by State G. Encampments to G. L. of the U. S., Sept. 20th, 1850.**Massachusetts—*

Assessment Tax,	\$97 37½
	<u>\$97 37½</u>

Pennsylvania—

Assessment Tax,	281 81
	<u>281 81</u>

District of Columbia—

Balance, - - -	32 51
Representative Tax,	20 00
	<u>52 51</u>

Ohio—

Balance, - - -	36 00
Books, - - -	42 00
Cards, - - -	75 00
Representative Tax,	40 00
Assessment Tax,	97 62½
	<u>290 62½</u>

New Jersey—

Balance, - - -	25 00
Cards, - - -	25 00
Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	48 75
	<u>118 75</u>

Kentucky—

Balance, - - -	144 87½
Cards, - - -	50 00
Books, - - -	36 00
Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	33 12½
	<u>284 00</u>

Indiana—

Books, - - -	72 00
Cards, - - -	35 00
Assessment Tax,	21 25
	<u>128 25</u>

Michigan—

Balance, - - -	83 50
Assessment Tax,	19 25
	<u>102 75</u>

Illinois—

Charter Fee, -	\$30 00
Representative Tax,	20 00
	<u>\$50 00</u>

Connecticut—

Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	36 37½
	<u>56 37½</u>

Tennessee—

Balance, - - -	110 00
Books, - - -	37 00
Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	19 62½
	<u>186 62½</u>

Wisconsin—

Balance, - - -	91 37
	<u>91 37</u>

Georgia—

Balance, - - -	27 00
Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	21 50
	<u>68 50</u>

Maine—

Balance, - - -	57 50
Representative Tax,	20 00
Assessment Tax,	40 75
	<u>118 25</u>

N. New York—

Charter Fee, -	30 00
	<u>30 00</u>

Due from G. Encampments, \$1,957 13
 " G. Lodges, - 8,272 62

Total, \$10,229 30

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS,.....	Statement.....	\$180 00
	Supplement.....	90 00
DUES,.....	Statement.....	364 93
	Supplement.....	262 35
REPRESENTATIVE TAX,.....	Statement.....	650 00
	Supplement.....	720 00
CARDS,.....	Statement.....	918 75
	Supplement.....	1058 48
BOOKS,.....	Statement.....	404 34
	Supplement.....	434 37
BALANCES,.....	Statement.....	689 70
	Supplement.....	468 14
ODES,.....	Statement.....	101 00
	Supplement.....	54 00
DIPLOMAS,.....	Statement.....	29 00
	Supplement.....	19 00
MISCELLANEOUS,.....	Statement.....	2229 33
	Supplement.....	
ASSESSMENT TAX,.....	Statement.....	1168 80
	Supplement.....	2326 95

Amount of Receipts,..... \$12,169 14

The receipts for the year are less by \$2,101 79 than those of the last year, nominally only however from the fact that the \$4000 loan, in aid of Bro. Wildey, entered into the gross receipts of this year, excluding which, the receipts of the present exceed those of the past year by the sum of \$1898 21.

The Finances of the Grand Lodge remain in a prosperous condition; the invested funds consist as follows:

Ohio 6 per cent stock,.....	\$6,017 00
Maryland 6's,.....	2,800 00
Wildey loan,.....	8,000 00

\$16,817 00

In addition to which a large indebtedness exists on the part of State Grand Bodies, all of which appears by the accompanying statement of the accounts of Grand Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. RIDGELY,

Corresponding Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS from Lodges and Encampments for account of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu.

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	V.
Mississippi.	From Lodges in Mississippi.	\$58 45		7

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STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS received from Lodges and Encampments, for account of Wildey Fund and Annuity, 1850.

STATE	LODGE OR CAMP.	FUND.	V.	ANNUITY	V.	TOTAL FUND.	TOTAL ANNUITY
1849.							
Dist. of Colum.	Washington Lodge, No. 6,	\$5 00	45	\$1 00	45	\$5 00	\$1 00
New Jersey,....	Grotto Lodge, No. 69, -			1 00	46		1 00
1850.							
Pennsylvania,..	Hopkins Lodge, No. 87,			5 00			
"	Salome, No. 105, -			2 00			
"	Metamora, No. 147, -			5 00			
"	Catasauqua, No. 269, -			2 50			
"	Carroll, No. 120, -			3 00			
"	Adelphia, No. 22, -			3 00			
"	Mohegan, No. 288, -			5 00			
"	Keystone, No. 78, -			5 00			
"	Capouse, No. 170, -			5 00			
"	Manatawny, No. 214,			1 00			
"	Bedford, No. 202, -			1 00			
"	Protection, No. 243, -			2 00			
"	Grace, No 157, -			5 00			
"	Brotherly Love, No. 79,			5 00			
"	Golden Rule, No. 159, -			3 00			
"	Mount Airy, No. 235,			5 00			
"	Forest, No. 251, -			2 50			
"	Integrity, No. 234, -			5 00			
"	Shenango, No. 195, -			10 00			
"	Birmingham, No. 152,			5 00			
"	Mount Zion, No. 74, -			1 00			
"	Conneautville, No. 168,			5 00			
"	Amana, No. 266, -			1 00			
"	Roxborough, No. 66, -			1 00			
"	Fort Necessity, No. 254,			1 00			
"	Old Monongehala, No. 209,			1 00			
"	Wyoming, No. 39, -			5 00			
"	Amana, No. 266, -			1 00			
"	Philomathean, No. 10,			1 00			
"	Walker, No. 306, -			1 00			
"	Mohegan, No. 288, -			5 00			
"	Bedford, No. 202, -			1 00			
"	Salome, No. 105, -			1 00			
"	Muanoloton Enc't, No. 40,			2 00			
"	Kosciusko Enca't, No. 75,			7 00	47		114 00
Maryland,.....	Wm. Tell Lodge, No. 4,			10 00	48		10 00
Mississippi,....	Wildey Encamp't, No. 1,			3 00	49		
"	Choctaw, No. 3, -			6 00	49		6 00
Virginia,.....	Virginus Lodge, No. 3,	5 00	50	1 00	50		
"	Old Dominion, No. 5, -	10 00	"	3 00	"		
"	Caledonia, No. 23, -	5 00	"	1 00			
"	Brooke, No. 28, -	2 00	"				
"	Samaritan, No. 29, -	5 00	"				
"	Hamilton, No. 30, -	5 00	"	2 00	"		

Statement continued.

STATE.	LODGE OR CAMP.	FUND.	V. ANNUITY	TOTAL FUND.	TOTAL ANNUITY
1850.					
Virginia,.....	William Tell, No. 53, -	\$3 00 50			
"	Luray, No. 42, - -	5 00 "			
"	Adelphi, No. 47, - -	5 00 "			
"	Piedmont, No. 52, - -	5 00 "			
"	Marion, No. 64, - -	5 00 "			
"	Lebanon, No. 66, - -	5 00 "			
"	Bowling Green, - -	10 00 "		\$70 00	\$7 00
Mississippi,.....	Mississippi, No. 1, - -		5 00 51		
"	Capital, No. 11, - -		5 00 "		
"	R. Neilson, - -		2 00 "		12 00
Pennsylvania,...	Lodges in Pennsylvania,...	150 00 52		150 00	
Total,				\$225 00	\$151 00

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1850.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where Held.	States.	No of Subordi- nates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue of Sub- ordinates.	Contributing Members.	Relief.
G. E. Maryland, -	Baltimore,	Md.	8	135	43	-	84,237 51	1,185	\$3,326 50
do. Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn'a.	103	779	139	6	23,998 28	4,969	11,255 04
do. N. New York, -	New York,	N. York	31	178	82	-	8,929 90	1,459	3,243 00
do. Ohio, -	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	41	304	8	16	8,470 30	1,810	3,870 14
do. New Jersey, -	Newark,	N. J.,	25	136	48	1	3,241 67	828	692 75
do. Virginia, -	Alexandria,	Va.,	23	169	31	7	4,259 77	943	1,786 25
do. South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. Car.,	4	23	1	1	625 78	173	289 00
do. Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.,	97	190	115	4	5,852 70	1,507	2,487 04
do. Kentucky, -	Louisville,	Ky.,	19	164	9	7	2,038 92	674	421 16
do. Maine, -	Portland,	Maine,	12	25	45	3	1,357 66	585	51 00
do. New Hampshire,	Concord,	N. H.,	7	25	11	7	999 74	319	214 00
do. Mississippi, -	Natchez,	Miss.,	9	40	6	2	1,610 66	198	309 25
do. Missouri, -	St. Louis,	Mo.,	9	63	11	2	1,539 31	286	32 00
do. Dist. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. Col.,	5	28	42	-	1,163 69	317	313 00
do. Tennessee, -	Nashville,	Tenn.,	15	98	-	-	2,661 90	508	96 00
do. North Carolina,	Wilmington,	N. Car.,	9	80	2	-	1,491 67	288	-
do. Georgia, -	Macon,	Ga.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
do. Louisiana, -	New Orleans,	La.,	6	107	26	1	3,437 58	435	182 00
do. Alabama, -	Mobile,	Ala.,	11	73	7	9	9,157 52	218	77 00
do. Indiana, -	Indianapolis,	Ind.,	21	115	-	-	2,935 17	5	347 97
do. Michigan, -	Kalamazoo,	Mich.,	12	25	20	1	-	-	193 00
do. Rhode Island, -	Providence,	R. I.,	4	36	12	3	1,033 50	327	516 85
do. Delaware, -	Wilmington,	Del.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
do. Wisconsin, -	Southport,	Wiscon.,	6	39	6	-	594 40	197	118 50
do. Connecticut, -	New Haven,	Conn.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
do. N. New York, -	Utica,	N. York	61	312	123	3	7,527 57	1,860	1,496 85
do. Illinois, -	Springfield,	Ill.,	16	81	-	-	1,200 47	220	2 00
Haleys, No. 1, -	Dubuque,	Iowa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eureka, No. 2, -	Burlington,	Iowa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State, No. 3, -	Davenport,	Iowa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frank, No. 4, -	Bloom'gton,	Iowa,	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Good Samaritan, No. 5,	Iowa City,	Iowa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa, No. 6, -	Fairfield,	Iowa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luckecheuck, No. 7,	Keokuk,	Iowa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exile, No. 1, -	Helena,	Mont.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Academy, No. 2, -	Little Rock,	Arkans's	3	-	-	-	580 50	-	-
Fort Smith, No. 3,	Fort Smith,	Arkans's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union, No. 1, -	Montpelier,	Vermont	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ascent, No. 2, -	Windsor,	Vermont	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green Mountain, No. 3,	Middlebury,	Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Star, No. 1, -	Galveston,	Texas,	1	14	-	-	281 10	25	6 00
Florida, No. 1, -	Jacksonville,	Florida,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
			499	3204	807	66	692,777 50	19,722	\$31,437 50

ANNUAL REPORT OF Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1850

LODGES	Where Held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	Past G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	(Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widows and Families relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount of Relief.
G. L. Maryland.	Baltimore.	Md.	63	1,563	449	10	967	17	\$70,426 40	9,614	1,912	165	77	\$24,498 12	\$9,038 02	\$1,114 63	\$5,607 01	\$39,157 78
do. Massachusetts.	Boston.	Mass.	128	2,744	11	23	1,347	9	56,198 30	11,031	990	125	86	61,651 94	3,347 45	111 17	4,728 25	99,428 41
do. S. New York.	N. York city.	N. York.	184	3,519	1,193	1	1,347	11	150,580 87	19,660	3,214	304	231	57,990 37	8,394 06	755 48	10,048 72	76,471 04
do. Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia	Penn'a.	308	7,073	2,117	150	3,308	12	204,468 18	38,191	5,748	1,004	306	75,113 56	5,760 21	123 85	14,430 49	94,927 35
do. Dist. of Col'a.	Washington.	Del.	13	131	139	6	255	10	6,361 28	1,160	270	20	11	2,508 03	138 04	261 1	14,430 49	3,205 84
do. Delaware.	Wilmington.	Del.	23	335	64	7	125	12	6,361 28	1,160	270	20	11	2,508 03	138 04	261 1	14,430 49	3,205 84
do. Ohio.	Cincinnati.	Ohio.	139	1,969	114	253	1,313	15	77,670 91	11,039	1,758	111	162	25,894 55	1,758 95	3 00	715 24	3,368 14
do. Louisiana.	New Orleans.	La.	328	576	146	10	208	9	35,390 91	2,131	1,700	170	10	28 5	659 00	457 98	30,966 33	30,966 33
do. New Jersey.	Trenton.	N. J.	100	1,147	384	35	914	11	49,251 68	7,776	1,331	41	64	17,342 52	632 11	2 61	5,416 65	21,037 61
do. Kentucky.	Louisville.	Ky.	66	729	72	35	556	8	30,819 23	3,338	371	114	57	6,019 11	202 00	496 15	2,505 50	9,231 86
do. Virginia.	Richmond.	Va.	92	1,318	325	77	771	10	35,285 67	5,610	416	12	2	6,777 48	2,083 91	954 49	2,225 1	14,292 69
do. Indiana.	Indianapolis.	Ind.	82	926	-	24	300	9	17,100 21	1,513	154	13	139	1,685 75	970 75	133 13	743 98	8,843 61
do. Mississippi.	Natchez.	Miss.	41	554	87	11	242	7	23,584 48	3,093	927	70	40	3,689 36	2,585 82	520 00	1,687 08	8,606 26
do. Missouri.	St. Louis.	Mo.	76	1,079	98	29	328	7	25,392 67	3,291	359	31	30	3,916 76	641 76	56 06	917 20	5,531 81
do. Illinois.	Peoria.	Illinois.	12	28	4	27	27	1	1,367 97	184	4	2	1	196 00	41 29	30 00	220 82	5,531 81
do. Texas.	Galveston.	Texas.	37	181	48	7	150	4	15,042 33	1,529	119	16	19	9,345 93	941 65	109 85	758 0	3,455 53
do. Alabama.	Mobile.	Ala.	27	181	48	7	150	4	15,042 33	1,529	119	16	19	9,345 93	941 65	109 85	758 0	3,455 53
do. Connecticut.	New Haven.	Conn.	71	826	575	13	503	10	35,235 71	5,278	838	51	60	12,614 05	911 11	126 99	1,431 97	15,115 11
do. S. Carolina.	Charleston.	S. Car'a	137	284	11	137	190	8	15,935 67	1,848	164	31	11	3,502 00	1,724 00	539 03	560 00	5,235 03
do. Tennessee.	Nashville.	Tenn.	60	419	2	15	217	5	191,749 34	2,152	96	7	5	3,973 97	588 90	34 00	370 00	3,092 97
do. N. Carolina.	Wilmington.	N. Car'a	37	421	134	20	181	6	1,618 47	1,831	159	8	19	9,585 35	408 00	143 95	836 56	3,983 86
do. Georgia.	Savannah.	Ge.	59	344	579	31	579	6	90,373 0	5,088	511	95	43	8,444 35	986 86	78 33	992 12	9,716 06
do. Maine.	Portland.	Me.	13	101	85	78	160	6	9,768 14	1,471	191	16	14	3,271 59	520 00	45 00	4,947 59	4,947 59
do. Rhode Island.	Providence.	R. I.	34	331	19	58	270	5	4,459 00	9,345	962	3	11	3,710 15	41 62	40 00	4,392 45	4,392 45
do. N. Hampshire.	Concord.	N. H.	49	593	998	73	914	4	18,631 80	2,974	434	15	22	2,740 08	302 25	741 80	9,689 37	9,689 37
do. Michigan.	Detroit.	Mich.	49	777	692	73	914	4	13,263 53	2,987	171	100	3	9,231 12	67 00	591 25	9,689 37	9,689 37
do. Wisconsin.	Milwaukee.	Wiscon.	20	182	32	10	95	2	6,046 01	971	100	3	6	1,280 82	35 00	140 00	1,484 32	1,484 32
do. Vermont.	Montpelier.	Vermont.	98	356	38	9	103	3	7,525 63	946	99	5	7	909 15	25 00	119 62	1,132 87	1,132 87
do. Iowa.	Bloomington.	Iowa.	36	72	12	2	26	1	1,314 38	197	5	116	157	37 00	9,409 21	5,000 00	61 00	106 00
do. Arkansas.	Little Rock.	Ark.	366	5,108	1,917	92	2,303	4	130,738 43	22,615	9,979	116	157	38,264 03	9,409 21	75 07	5,000 00	66,329 09
do. N. New York.	Utica.	N. York.	8	88	-	-	-	-	2,906 53	194	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,329 09
Florida.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honolulu.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
California.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			9,264	31,030	9,120	1,181	16,305	202	1,017,418 00	174,637	94,176	9,265	1,790	247,490 00	92,410 33	97,348	41	603,404 15

1850.

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

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1850.			
Sept. 2,	To cash on hand.....	\$3 04	96
"	Do. of Wildey and Honolulu fund.....	1,325	90
"	To cash from Grand Secretary.....	6,207	47
"	Do. do. Wildey and Honolulu fund.....	287	45
	Total.....	\$10,862	72

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1849.			
Sept. 19,	By cash to N. A. Thompson, traveling expenses as D. G. S.	\$60	00
" 22,	" R. H. Griffin, expenses as Grand Sire.....	130	00
"	" J. R. Johnson, expenses as Grand Marshal....	100	00
"	" J. E. Chamberlain, for services to Grand Lodge	21	50
"	" S. Skinner, expenses as Grand Marshal.....	25	00
"	" A. S. Kellogg, expenses as D. G. Sire.....	100	00
"	" S. L. Harris, do. as Grand Guardian...	12	00
"	" Do. for writing up Journal.....	20	00
"	" B. Miffing, for printing.....	10	00
"	" H. R. Kneass, expenses as Grand Sire.....	45	50
"	" Wm. Curtis, for copy of Proceedings & Digest.	4	25
"	" G. Brown, refunded.....	30	00
"	" E. M. P. Wells, expenses as Chaplain.....	60	00
" 24,	" Discount on uncurrent funds.....	9	71
" 25,	" T. Wildey, annuity for 1849.....	137	19
"	" C. Valkman, for two Portraits.....	100	00
Oct. 1,	" S. H. Lewyt, Grand Guardian.....	10	00
"	" J. E. Chamberlain, postage of G. Secretary....	32	58
" 2,	" Protested draft on J. P. Chesney, Jr.....	329	00
"	" Prottesting, do. do.	4	50
"	" J. Young, for printing Journal.....	305	20
" 13,	" J. Neagle, for Portrait.....	101	00
" 26,	" F. H. B. Boyd, for two chests.....	19	50
Nov. 1,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	11	91
"	" for Insurance on Grand Lodge property.....	8	80
" 28,	" J. Young, for printing.....	200	00
Dec. 3,	" J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary as G. S.	300	00
"	" J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's do. & postage	133	40
" 18,	" A. S. Abell & Co., for advertising.....	11	50
" 28,	" Savings Bank, part payment on note of \$4,000..	2,500	00
"	" Six months interest on balance due \$1,500.....	45	00
" 31,	" H. Dixon, for engraving charter.....	10	00
1850			
Jan. 9,	" E. S. Fryer, for portrait frames.....	21	00
" 31,	" J. E. Chamberlain, for boxes and postage....	37	24
Mar. 2,	" Do. one quarter's salary as Mes.	125	00
" 4,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300	00
"	" Louis Bonsal, for binding books.....	120	00
" 30,	" J. Young, for printing.....	587	44
" 25,	" J. A. Kennedy, to coat on suit.....	103	50
May. 16,	" S. Sands, for printing cards.....	300	00
" 23,	" A. Fisher, for painting portrait.....	100	00
" 30,	" B. F. Zimmerman, for filling charters.....	3	00
" 31,	" H. Hunt, to costs on suit... ..	132	12
June 1,	" J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300	00
"	" J. E. Chamberlain, do.	125	00
"	" Do. two month's postage	15	37
"	" Do. one do.	13	16

June 24,	"	B. D. Wolf, for trunk.....	\$10 00
July 22,	"	H. Hunt, to cost on suit.	10 00
Aug. 10,	"	T. Sherlock, Past Grand Sire, for portrait....	90 00
" 14,	"	T. Wildey, annuity.....	126 00
" 21,	"	J. B. Person, for filling up diploma.....	10 00
" 22,	"	Savings' Bank of Baltimore, on note.....	1,500 00
" "	"	Do. do. interest on note...	13 75
" 26,	"	L. Bonsal, for binding books.....	17 00
" "	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	31 34
" 27,	"	J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300 00
" "	"	J. E. Chamberlain, one do.	125 00
" "	"	Discount on collecting draft.....	7 23
" "	"	on hand....	1,462 03
Total.....			<u>\$10,862 72</u>

By unanimous consent, Rep. Brunet, of Va., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Edward H. Fitzhugh, M. W. G. Master of the State of Virginia, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this R. W. Grand Body.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the following amendment to the fifth Rule of Order, which was adopted:

Amend the fifth Rule of Order, by inserting after the words "Committee on Finance," in the fourth line, as follows: "Committee on Mileage and Per Diem."

The Chair named Reps. Askew, of Del., Colfax, of Ind., and Kennedy, of S. N. Y., as the Committee on Per Diem and Mileage.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., the Lodge agreed to consider the By Law proposed by him, page 1575 Journal.

And the question being on the adoption of the same, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Page, of Wis., by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Grand Secretary James B. Kellogg, of Wisconsin, be admitted to visit the Grand Lodge during this session.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to suspend the rule for the purpose of introducing a motion touching an adjournment *sine die*, which was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Rice, of La., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Rep. Abram B. Coleman be admitted to visit this Grand Lodge during its present session.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., moved to suspend the rule for the purpose of offering a resolution to limit debate, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Narine, of N. J., presented the appeal of Concordia Lodge, No. 4, of New Jersey, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Read, of N. J., presented an application from the Grand Lodge of N. J., asking the confirmation of certain amendments to the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, and upon his motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the application was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., presented the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pa.:

PHILADELPHIA, Sept., 2d, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Pa., held in July last, the following, among other proceedings, were had, viz:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the G. L. U. S. be requested to use their best endeavors to procure the appointment of a Committee for the purpose of getting the work of the Order translated into the Welch Language.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the G. L. U. S. be instructed to use their influence to have the power granted to this body to restore the Law which required the services of one term as Secretary or Assistant Secretary, to become eligible to the office of V. G., unless by dispensation of the M. W. G. M.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge request permission of the R. W. G. L. U. S. to allow it to hold its Semi-Annual Sessions at such place as this Grand Lodge may designate, and that our R. W. G. Representatives be instructed to use their influence and efforts to obtain such permission at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fraternally Yours,

WM. CURTIS, *Grand Secretary*.

On motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., the two first resolutions were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and the last resolution to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Beebe, of Ohio, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

COLUMBUS, August 20th, 1850.

TO P. G. THOS. C. McEWEN and P. G. HORACE Y. BEBEE,

R. W. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

BROTHERS:—At the Semi-Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, held July, 1850, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to urge upon the Grand Lodge of the United States the necessity for and importance of making the prices of Degrees uniform throughout the jurisdiction of that body.

A correct copy,

ALEX. E. GLENN, *G. Secretary*.

Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., presented a paper from the Grand Encampment of S. N. York, touching various proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., moved to receive the paper, and spread the same upon the Journal.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., moved to amend the motion of Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., by laying the paper on the table, without printing.

Rep. Abbett, of Md., asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first branch of the amendment, to wit, "to lay the paper on the table;" it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the last branch of the amendment, to wit, "without printing," it was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., presented a paper from the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, purporting to be the acquiescence of that body in the division of the jurisdiction of the State of New York: the reading of which being ordered, and progressed in, on motion of Rep. Manchester, of R. I., the further reading was dispensed with, and the paper ordered to lie on the table, without printing.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report from the committee to whom the subject was referred at the last communication, with accompanying papers:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to prepare a plan for the future legislation of this Body, by Bill, respectfully report:

That in the discharge of the duty entrusted to them, they have examined the rules regulating the introduction of Bills into the Congress of the United States. These rules are many, and the committee in the appended rules have suggested the most important—and are modifications of the Rules of the House of Representatives, edition of 1845, from 113 to 122, in such manner as the short session of this Lodge requires. The legislation of the Order being conducted but by one house, none of the rules having reference to two bodies would be pertinent to this Grand Lodge.

The committee are sensible that upon many of the subjects introduced for the consideration of this body, legislation by Bill would be inexpedient, if not almost impracticable, but in the passage of all laws for the general government of the Order, the formality of statute or bill, will, it is hoped, give a precision and uniformity to the written work not yet attained. The committee are also aware that it would be an impracticable undertaking to point out all of the cases in which legislation should be by Bill, and when by report or resolution. Confining themselves therefore to suggesting an outline, the committee leave the supply of such details as may be required from time to time, to the legislative experience of the members constituting this body.

The committee recommend the insertion into the Constitution, when revised, of a clause requiring the legislation to be by Bill, said Bill to have two readings. And as an outline for the direction of the G. Lodge in this mode of legislation, report the following resolutions.

The committee also recommend the adoption of the appended rules, as additional Rules of Order, made necessary by the proposed change in legislation. And submit the annexed Bill as an example.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, *Chairman of Committee.*

Resolved, That in all matters relative to new laws, amendments or alterations of old laws, appropriations, granting of charters, approvals of Constitutions, or amendments thereof, and upon all other subjects whereon the same can be had, the legislation of Grand Lodge of the United States shall be by Bill.

Resolved, That in legislating upon matters of enquiry and subjects of a kindred nature having reference to existing laws, reports and resolutions referring to the law is the appropriate form.

ADDITIONAL RULES OF ORDER.

Rule. Every Bill shall be introduced by a committee, or by a member. All Bills emanating from committees shall be introduced at the time of such committees being called upon for reports, and the reading then had shall be considered as the first reading.

Rule. Every Bill introduced by a Representative shall be at the calling for new business, and every bill so introduced shall be immediately referred to an appropriate committee, and upon being reported upon by the committee shall be then considered as having its first reading.

Rule. Every Bill shall receive two readings to its passage, and bills shall be placed upon the calendar and despatched in the order in which they came from the committees, unless where the Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct—but no Bill shall be twice read on the same day without the special order of the Grand Lodge.

Rule. All Bills reported on by committees shall be printed, numbered, and laid upon the desks of the Representatives as speedily as practicable.

Rule. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a Bill shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and if carried shall be considered equivalent to its rejection.

Rule. Upon the first reading of a Bill the question shall be upon its second reading, and if a majority of the members present do not oppose it, it shall be so ordered. And upon the second reading the question shall be upon ordering the Bill to be engrossed, when, if not opposed by a majority of the members present, it shall be so ordered, and upon its ratification become a law of the Order.

Rule. After commitment and report thereon, or at any time before its passage, a Bill may be re-committed.

Rule. All Bills ordered to be engrossed shall be committed to a Committee on Engrossing, whose duty it shall be to have the same accurately engrossed in a fair and legible hand.

Rule. No amendment by way of a rider shall be received to any Bill on its second reading.

All Bills passed during a communication shall be ratified in open Grand Lodge on the last day of the communication, by being read and receiving the signature of the M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and G. C. and R. Secretary, and shall be filed away in the Grand Recording Secretary's office, and kept as a part of the records of the Order.

Rule. All Bills passed and ratified as herein provided, shall be published with the proceedings of the Communication.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE MANNER IN WHICH CHARTERS OR WARRANTS SHALL BE GRANTED.

1. *Be it enacted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. O. F., now met and sitting in Annual Communication*, That upon the petition of five brothers in good standing, accompani-

ed by a fee of thirty dollars, and by the withdrawal Cards of the petitioners, or in those States, Districts or Territories where D. D. G. Sires are located, by the certificate of such D. D. G. Sire that such cards have been deposited in his office and are in due form, it shall be lawful for the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to grant a charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in any State, District or Territory, where no Grand Lodge has been established.

2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That upon the petition of seven Patriarchs who shall have attained to the R. P. Degree, and are in good standing. accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars, and by the withdrawal Cards of the petitioners, or in those States, Districts or Territories where D. D. G. Sires are located, by the certificate of such D. D. G. Sire that such cards have been deposited in his office, and are in due form, it shall be lawful for the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to grant a charter to open a Subordinate Encampment in any State, District or Territory where no Grand Encampment has been established: *Provided always, nevertheless*, that if the brothers proposing to form the Encampment are scarlet members, only, then it shall be lawful for the M. W. G. Sire upon their petition to grant a dispensation instructing a duly qualified deputy to confer upon such brothers the Encampment Degrees, in order to qualify them to petition for a Warrant or Charter; requiring the fees paid for said Degrees to go into the treasury and form a part of the fund of the new Encampment.

3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the petitions for Warrants or Charters of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be as follows, to wit:

PETITION FOR A WARRANT OR CHARTER FOR A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

To the Grand Sire, Officers and members of the

Grand Lodge of the United States:

The petition of the undersigned, holding Withdrawal Cards from Lodges legally recognised by your R. W. Body, respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Lodge to be located at in the State of

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a Charter (or Warrant) may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your R. W. Body.

Dated at this day of

PETITION FOR A WARRANT OR CHARTER FOR A SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

To the Grand Sire, Officers and members of the

Grand Lodge of the United States:

The petition of the undersigned Patriarchs, holding Withdrawal Cards from legal Encampments, (or instructed in the Encampment Degrees under commission of the G. Sire,) respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Encampment to be located at in the State of

Wherefore your petitioners pray that a Charter (or Warrant) may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your R. W. Body.

Dated at this day of

4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States it shall be lawful for the M. W. G. Sire, conjointly with the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary, upon the like petitions, and accompanied with the same fee, formalities and requirements as are hereinbefore prescribed concerning the same, to grant Warrants for the opening of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments in those States, Districts or Territories where no Grand Lodge or Encampment has been established: *Provided always, nevertheless*, that every Warrant so granted by the M. W. G. Sire and R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary during a recess shall be submitted to and subject to the approval of the G. L. U. S. at its next Annual Communication, and if approved a Charter therefor shall be issued bearing the date of the said Warrant so as aforesaid granted, but if not approved then the said Warrant shall utterly cease and determine.

5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That every Subordinate Lodge or Subordinate Encampment obtaining a Charter or Warrant in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall be opened by the M. W. G. Sire, or by a Past Grand or qualified Patriarch, as the case may require, by him deputized therefor, and whose duty it shall be to deliver to the Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, the Charter or Warrant, charge books, and all necessary instructions, and whose further duty it shall be to make a due return of all his proceedings to the M. W. Grand Sire.

6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That upon the petition of three or more Subordinate Lodges, having at least seven Past Grands in good standing, and accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars, in any State, District or Territory where no Grand Lodge has been established, it shall and may be lawful for the G. L. U. S. to grant a Charter for a Grand Lodge in such State, District or Territory.

7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That upon the petition of three or more Subordinate Encampments having at least seven P. C. P's in good standing, and accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars, in any State, District or Territory where no Grand Encampment has been established, it shall and may be lawful for the G. L. U. S. to grant a Charter for a Grand Encampment in such State, District or Territory.

8. *And be it further enacted upon the authority aforesaid*, That the petition for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, as the case may be, shall be prepared in the following manner, to wit: Each Lodge or Encampment in the proposed jurisdiction shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or P. C. P's to represent it in a convention, notified to meet at a convenient time or place, and to be composed of the several Lodges or Encampments, and each Lodge or Encampment so appointing shall furnish such representatives with a statement under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment of the number of Past Grands or P. C. P's in good standing. And in the convention so formed, the question of the propriety of application, and the lo

tion of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, shall be determined by a majority comprising at least three Lodges or Encampments, the vote being by Lodges or Encampments: *Provided*, that the non-attendance of a Lodge by its representatives shall not vitiate the proceedings, if the Lodges present be sufficient in number to fulfil the foregoing requirements. The petition so to be prepared shall be as follows, to wit:

PETITION FOR A GRAND LODGE OR GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

To the Grand Sire, Officers and members of the

Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

The petition of Lodges, (or Encampments) No. No. No.
of respectfully represent that at present they work under Warrants granted by your honorable body, and that the Order has increased in the State of and at present they have Past Grands, (or Past Chief Patriarchs,) in good standing. They are of opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order that a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment,) should be established in the State of They, therefore, pray your honorable body to grant a Charter for a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the State of to be located at

Witness our hands and seals this day of

A B Representative of No.

C D Representative of No.

E F Representative of No.

9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no Charter shall be granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States to open a Grand Lodge or Encampment in any State, District or Territory, unless all the Subordinate Lodges or Encampments petitioning therefor shall have paid up their dues in full. And upon such petition being presented it shall be the duty of the Grand Recording Secretary to furnish full information relative thereto.

10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That every Grand Lodge and Encampment obtaining a Charter in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall be opened by the M. W. Grand Sire or by a qualified brother by him specially deputed therefor, whose duty it shall be to deliver to the Grand Lodge or Encampment the Charter, Charge Books, and all necessary instructions, and whose further duty it shall be to make a due return of all his proceedings to the M. W. Grand Sire.

11. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the expenses of the officer attending to open any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall be paid by such Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

12. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That in case of the rejection of any Petition for a Charter or Warrant, whether for a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the fee of thirty dollars sent with the said petition shall be returned to the petitioners.

13. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That upon the granting of a Charter for a Grand Lodge or Encampment in any State, District or Territory, all the Subordinate Lodges or Encamp-

ments within the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge or Encampment shall immediately pass under the jurisdiction, and be subject to the authority of such Grand Lodge or Encampment.

14. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all Charters or Warrants, whether for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall continue to exist so long as there shall remain in cases of Grand Lodges and Grand or Subordinate Encampments, seven duly qualified brethren in membership therewith, and in cases of Subordinate Lodges five duly qualified brethren, except the same shall be voluntarily surrendered by such Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, the number of brethren hereinbefore provided not objecting thereto, or shall be reclaimed by special act of the body, under whose jurisdiction such Lodge or Encampment works: *Provided, however,* that no Warrant or Charter so lapsing, surrendered or reclaimed, nor the name or number of such Lodge or Encampment, shall be regranted to any persons save to a sufficient number of those who were members in good standing of said Lodge or Encampment at the time of the extinction of the said Charter or Warrant. And this is imperative upon all Grand Lodges and Encampments in regard to their Subordinates.

15. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That upon the establishment of a Grand Lodge or Encampment in any State, District or Territory, the application for the renewal of the Warrant or Charter for a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment which had previously become extinct, shall be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the sanction of the Grand Lodge or Encampment within whose jurisdiction such Subordinate Lodge or Encampment is located being therefor obtained.

16. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That upon the forfeiture, surrender or annulment of any Warrant or Charter of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it shall be the duty of the last officers of such Lodge or Encampment to surrender to the Grand Recording Secretary, the Charter or Warrant, books, documents, funds and property of said Lodge or Encampment, to be returned upon the renewal of such Warrant or Charter as hereinbefore provided.

On motion of Rep Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee on unfinished business, page 1574 Journal, when, on his further motion, it was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which, by unanimous consent, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, to allot the different subjects contained therein to the appropriate committees, respectfully recommend—

That so much as relates to "the estate of Brother Wildey" be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the "revision and reprint of the Journal from the stereotype now in possession of the Corresponding Secretary," be referred to the Committee on Printing.

That so much as relates to "contracting for supplies during the recess," to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to "modification of the assessment law," and to "adverse resolutions by State Grand Bodies," be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted, '

WILLIAM E. SANFORD,
F. R. CHASE,
JOHN J. DAVIES.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns report as follows:

REPORTS OF GRAND LODGES CORRECT.

Illinois, Alabama, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Georgia, New Hampshire, Missouri, Maryland, Northern New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Michigan, Delaware, Mississippi, South Carolina, District of Columbia, Virginia, Wisconsin, Ohio.

The following reports of Grand Lodges as incorrect:

Texas being only from January 1, 1850, to June 30, 1850.

Arkansas—there is no relief report.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS CORRECT.

Southern New York, Northern New York, Ohio, New Hampshire, Maine, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Mississippi, Virginia, Missouri, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia.

SUBORDINATE LODGES CORRECT.

Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida; Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, do.; Florida Lodge, No. 1, do.; Minesota Lodge, No. 1, Minesota.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, Florida, report from July 1, 1849, to December 31, 1849.

Franklin Lodge, No. 6, Florida, incorrect, for the reason that there is no seal.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS CORRECT.

Lead Mine, No. 5, Illinois; Prairie State, No. 15, do.; Allen, No. 4, do.; Chicago, No. 10, do.; Lone Star, No. 1, Texas; Sirion, No. 11, Illinois; Union, No. 7, do.; Peoria, No. 15, do.; Wauponsie, No. 13, do.

Ridgely, No. 9, report from July 1, 1849, to December 31, 1849

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. SANFORD,
W. L. G. SMITH,
G. D. TEWKSBURY.

Rep. Hale, S. N. Y., asked and obtained leave to record his vote in the affirmative upon the resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., to repeal the assessment law.

The Chair announced the election of Grand Officers, as now in order, under the 12th Rule of Order, whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of M. W. G. Sire.

The following nominations were made:

By Rep. Chester, of Michigan, P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg, Michigan.
 " Frost, of Massachusetts, P. G. M. N. A. Thompson, Mass.
 " Smith, of Kentucky, P. G. M. A. K. Marshall, Kentucky.
 " Brunet, of Virginia, P. G. M. W. W. Moore, D. of C.
 " Smith, of Northern N. Y., P. G. M. Della Torre, S. C.
 " Wood, of New Jersey, P. G. M. S. H. Parker, N. H.
 " Valleau, of Missouri, P. G. M. G. B. Allen, Missouri.
 " Ellison, of Massachusetts, P. G. M. W. E. Parmenter, Mass.
 " Kingsbury, of Maine, P. G. M. W. R. Smith, Maine.
 " Sanford, of Connecticut, P. G. M. J. W. Anderson, of Geo.
 " Steel, of Tennessee, P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Delaware.
 " Wheeler, of Rhode Island, P. G. M. J. Wood, of R. Island.

The Chair announced the appointment of Representatives Meredith, of Indiana, and Steel, of Tennessee, as Tellers, who having received the ballots as the Representatives were severally called, announced the following result—that 74 ballots had been cast of which number

P. G. Master	G. B. Allen, of Missouri,	had	4
"	" H. F. Askew, of Delaware,	"	8
"	" P. Della Torre, of S. C.,	"	5
"	" W. W. Moore, of D. of C.,	"	16
"	" N. A. Thompson, of Mass.,	"	6
"	" S. H. Parker, of N. H.,	"	19
"	" J. W. Anderson, of Ga.,	"	3
"	" James Wood, of R. I.,	"	3
"	" Wm. R. Smith, of Me.,	"	1
"	" W. E. Parmenter, of Mass.,	"	3
"	" A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan,	"	3
"	" A. K. Marshall, of Ky.,	"	2
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Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. Master W. E. Parmenter

Rep. Wheeler, of R. I., to withdraw the name P. G. Master James Wood.

Rep. Kingsbury, of Me., to withdraw the name of P. G. Master Wm. R. Smith.

Rep. Sanford, of Conn., to withdraw the name of P. G. Master John W. Anderson.

The Tellers having again received the ballots of the Representatives

as they were severally called, reported the following result—that seventy-three ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. Master	G. B. Allen,	had received	4
"	"	H. F. Askew,	5
"	"	P. Della Torre,	7
"	"	W. W. Moore,	16
"	"	N. A. Thompson,	11
"	"	S. H. Parker,	22
"	"	A. S. Kellogg,	5
"	"	A. K. Marshall,	3

Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Smith, of Ky., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. Master A. K. Marshall.

Rep. Valleau, of Mo., to withdraw the name of P. G. Master G. B. Allen.

Rep. Chester, of Mich., to withdraw the name of P. G. Master A. S. Kellogg, of Michigan.

Rep. Steel, of Tenn., to withdraw the name of P. G. Master H. F. Askew, of Delaware.

By unanimous consent, the ballot was suspended, to allow the Committee on Petitions to submit the following report, which was adopted:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the M. W. G. Sire for a Grand Encampment for the State of Illinois, to be located at Peoria, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be issued for the same.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
J. CHESTER.

The Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

The Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported the following result: that seventy-two ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. Master	S. H. Parker	had received	27
"	"	W. W. Moore,	33
"	"	P. Della Torre,	7
"	"	N. A. Thompson,	4
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Whereupon no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. Master P. Della Torre, of South Carolina.

The Tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that seventy-three votes had been cast, of which number

P. G. Master	W. W. Moore,	had received	41
"	"	Saml. H. Parker,	31
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Grand Encampment of Illinois.—This body was instituted at Peoria, on the 24th of July, 1850. and the following officers installed: Charles H. Constable, M. W. G. P.; George Woodward, M. E. H. P.; Frederick Seammon, R. W. S. W.; John Tillson, R. W. G. S. W.; S. A. Cornsaw, R. W. G. Scribe; - Hicks, R. G. Treasurer; J. Marfield, R. W. G. Sentinel.

The Chair accordingly announced that P. G. M. W. W. Moore of the D. of Col., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Deputy Grand Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Abbett, of Md.,	P. G. M. J. G. Potts, of Ill.
" Colfax, of Ind.,	" S. Read, of N. J.
" McEwen, of O.,	" E. B. Olds, of Ohio.
" Wakeley, of Wis.,	" H. L. Page, Wis.
" Frost, of Mass.,	" R. O. Shaw, of Ala.
" Brown, of Ind.,	" J. W. Stokes, of Pa.
" Willey, of Conn.,	" F. Croswell, of Conn.
" Rice, of La.,	" A. Mondelli, of La.
" Holmes, of Mo.	" G. P. Smith, of Tenn.

The Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that 68 ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. J. G. Potts	had received	11
" Samuel Read,	"	7
" E. B. Olds,	"	4
" H. L. Page,	"	15
" R. O. Shaw,	"	9
" J. W. Stokes,	"	4
" F. Croswell,	"	7
" A. Mondelli,	"	5
" G. P. Smith, of Tenn."	"	4
Blanks	- - - - -	2

No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. E. B. Olds, of Ohio.

The Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that 71 ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. J. G. Potts	had received	12
" H. L. Page,	"	16
" A. Mondelli,	"	6
" F. Croswell,	"	7
" R. O. Shaw,	"	6
" J. W. Stokes,	"	10
" G. P. Smith,	"	5
" S. Read,	"	9

No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Holmes, of Mo., obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. G. P. Smith, of Tennessee.

Rep. Rice, of La., to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Mondelli, of La.

Rep. Frost, of Mass., to withdraw the name of P. G. M. R. O. Shaw, of Alabama.

The Tellers having again received the ballots of the Representa

tives as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that 64 ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. J. G. Potts	had received	15
"	H. L. Page,	20
"	J. W. Stokes,	11
"	F. Croswell,	6
"	S. Read,	9
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No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Willey, of Conn., obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. F. Croswell, of Connecticut.

The Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were respectfully called, reported as follows

P. G. M. J. G. Potts	had received	19
"	H. L. Page,	19
"	J. W. Stokes,	13
"	S. Read,	12
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No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot, when on motion of Rep. Brunet, of Virginia, the further ballot was suspended, and the Lodge adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, Sept. 17, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Ward, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Patriarch Issachar G. Reed, of Northern New York, be admitted to the sittings of this body during the present session.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Smith, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grands John Maxwell, James Bowen, Ambrose Ambrose, Green Laney, William Maxwell, John P. Landrum, William Morrison, Adam Gore and William Baines of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, be admitted to visit during the session.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of the adjournment, to wit, the election of D. G. Sire, for the ensuing term.

The Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that 69 ballots had been cast, of which number,

P. G. M. Read	had received	13
"	Potts,	19
"	Page,	27
"	Stokes,	9
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No election being had, the Lodge proceeded again to ballot.

The Tellers having again received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that 68 votes were cast, of which number

P. G. M. Read	had received	13
" Potts,	"	20
" Page,	"	28
" Stokes,	"	7

Rep. Brown, of Ind., obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. Master Stokes, of Pennsylvania.

The Lodge again proceeded to the election, and the Tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were respectively called, reported as follows: that 70 ballots were cast, of which number

P. G. M. Read	had received	12
" Potts,	"	23
" Page,	"	34
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No election having been made, the Tellers again received the ballots of the Representatives as they were called, and reported that 68 ballots were cast, of which number

P. G. M. Read	had received	10
" Potts,	"	16
" Page,	"	41
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Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. Herman L. Page, of Wisconsin, having a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Recording Secretary, when

P. G. M. Stokes, nominated P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.
Rep. Bebee, of Ohio, " " Alex. E. Glenn, of Ohio.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that 68 votes had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely	had received	52
" Alex. E. Glenn,	"	16

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. Master James L. Ridgely, having received a majority of the votes cast was the duly chosen Grand Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the ensuing term.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for Grand Treasurer.

Rep. Conley of Ga., nominated P. G. M. Warner, of Md.

Rep. Webster, of R. I., nominated G. M. Morris, of Pa.

The Tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were called, reported as follows: that 63 votes had been cast, of which number

P. G. Master Warner	had received	44
G. M. Morris,	"	19

Whereupon the M. W. G. Sire announced that P. G. M. A. E

Warner, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., it was

Resolved, That Rep. W. L. G. Smith, of N. N. York, have leave of absence after to-day for the residue of the present session.

Rep. Ellison, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject matter contained in the following resolution, presented by Rep. Curtis, of Pa. to wit:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are hereby instructed, to report to the Grand Lodge the probable amount of expenses, including mileage and per diem of members, for the current year, and also to report on the practicability of raising revenue sufficient to meet the same by the sale of supplies, &c. furnished by this body.

Would respectfully ask leave to report, That they have carefully examined the expenses of this Grand Lodge for the past fiscal year, and a few years previous, and would present the following estimates as sufficient to cover the probable expenditures of the year next ensuing:

Salaries of Officers,	- - - - -	\$2,000 00
Office rent,	- - - - -	200 00
Postages, &c.	- - - - -	200 00
Discount on uncurrent funds,	- - - - -	100 00
Per diem and mileage of Representatives,	- - - - -	10,000 00
Printing cards, letter sheets and charters,	- - - - -	1,000 00
Printing journal and books,	- - - - -	1,200 00
For binding books,	- - - - -	140 00
For incidental expenses,	- - - - -	1,160 00

\$16,000 00

To meet these expenditures, the Committee would recommend the following Ways and Means;

Est'd sale of vis'ng and clear'nce cards, 70,000—10c. each,	\$7,000 00
“ “ work and degree books, 1,500—\$2 each,	3,000 00
“ “ installation books, 500—\$1 each,	500 00
“ “ odes, 15,000—3c. each,	450 00
“ “ Encampment work books, 300—\$2 each,	600 00
“ “ diplomas, 150—\$1 each,	150 00
Representative tax of 90 Representatives at \$50 each,	4,500 00

\$16,200 00

The Committee would present in connection with this report the following amendment to Article XII, Section iv, of the Constitution: In the second line, strike out the figures “\$20,” and insert “\$50.” They would also offer for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILLIAM CURTIS.
STEPHEN BROWN.

Resolved, That the pay of Representatives to, and Officers of, this body, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) shall be two dollars per diem during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That in addition to the above, the said Representatives and Officers shall also receive four cents for each mile traveled from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and back again; the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

Resolved, That the said per diem allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer on the certificate of the Grand Secretary, and that all laws inconsistent with these resolutions be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to require cash payments for all orders from State Grand Lodges and State Grand Encampments for books, robes, diplomas, cards, &c.; and that no Representative from such State Grand Body shall be allowed or permitted to occupy a seat as a Representative upon this floor on and after the present Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not first complied with the requirements of this resolution.

Resolved, That no Representative shall be permitted to occupy a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, after the present Communication of this Grand Lodge, whose State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall not have paid the Representative tax levied by the Constitution of this Right Worthy Body.

Resolved, That the By Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out Article XII.

Rep. Brunet, of Va., moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Stokes, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama touching the right to confer Past Official Degrees, report:

The committee can only reiterate the established Law of this Grand Lodge, requiring the service of at least a majority of nights of a term in any office to entitle them to the Past Official Degrees, and that a resignation of the incumbent at any time previous to the expiration of the same works a forfeiture of those Degrees. *Vide* Digest, pp. 49 and 50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
W. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the memorial of Obadiah Foote and others, for the establishment of a Lodge to be located at St. Anthony's Falls, Minnesota Territory, recommend the passage of the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER.

Resolved. That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a charter be issued for the same

Rep. Clark, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report: Upon an application from a Convention of Odd-Fellows, held at Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the conferring upon the Grand Lodge of Missouri, power to issue a dispensation for a Lodge to be located in said city—and further, that special legislation be had, changing the term of office from six to three months, report adversely to said application—but recommend the issuing of a charter, provided a legal application for the establishment of said Lodge be made to this Grand Lodge.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER.

Rep. Clark, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the petition of the P. G's of Jefferson Lodge, No. 3; Leon Lodge, No. 5, and Franklin Lodge, No. 6, of Florida, for a Charter for a Grand Lodge to be located at Tallahassee, in said State, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Rep. Clark, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER.

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the M. W. G. Sire to open an Encampment in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to be known as Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a Charter be granted for the same.

Rep. Clark, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the following dispensations issued by the M. W. G. Sire, viz: Lodge, No. 7, Tampa, Florida; Mechanics' Lodge, No. 8, Navy Yard, Washington; St. Paul, No. 2, St. Paul, Minnesota; and for Peoria Camp No. 15, and Prairie State Camp, No. 16, Springfield, Illinois, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that charters be granted for the same.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
J. CHESTER.

Rep. Clark, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the M. W. G. Sire to open an Encampment in Little Rock, Arkansas, to be known as Arkansas Camp, No. 2, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be granted for the same

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
J. CHESTER,

Rep. Corneau, of Ill., moved the following resolution, which on his further motion was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS, at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, resolutions were adopted requesting a vote of the subordinate Lodges for or against a removal of said Grand Lodge from the city of Peoria to the city of Springfield, Illinois; and whereas such vote has been taken, which resulted in favor of said removal; therefore,

Resolved, That the prayer of the majority of the subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be granted, and that the charter of said Grand Lodge be so amended.

Rep. Woodruff, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Georgia, at its Annual Session in June, 1850, so amended its Constitution as to remove the seat of said Grand Lodge from Savannah to Macon, Georgia; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve of said amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and that the charter of said Grand Lodge is hereby amended, so that its sessions shall hereafter be held in the city of Macon.

Rep. Frost, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That printed copies of the Journal be presented to such members of this Grand Lodge and of the last Adjourned Session as have not before received the same, and that Vol. iii, be presented to such members of the present session as have received the two first volumes.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will close its session on Thursday night next, September 19, and that all committees be directed to govern themselves accordingly.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved to amend by striking out "Thursday night," and inserting "Friday, at noon."

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., it was agreed to, and the motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Wood, of N. J., moved a resolution of instruction to the Committee on the State of the Order, touching the Encampment branch.

Rep. Magruder, of the D. of C., moved to amend, by directing the committee to inquire into the expediency of the subject.

Rep. Bayley, of Md., moved indefinitely to postpone the whole subject, which was resolved in the negative: the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS — Bayley, of Md. Barnard, Brown, of Ind., Colfax, Corneau, Currier, Curtis, Ellison, Ely, Garritt, Hunt, (2 votes,) Kennedy, (2

votes,) Libby, Manchester, Meredith Potts, Smith, of N. N. Y., Stokes, (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Ward, Webster, Wheeler—25.

NAYS.—Abell, Andrews, of La., Askew, Bayly, of D. of C., Bebee, Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Chester, Conley, Egan, Flint, Frost, Kingsbury, Larue, McEwen, Magruder, Martin, (2 votes,) Narine, Page, Penny, Read, Rice, Shaw, Smith, of Del., Stewart, of Del., Stuart, of D. of C., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodruff, Past G. Sire Sherlock—35.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Magruder, of D. of C.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to lay the whole subject on the table without printing.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the resolution, to wit, "to lay the subject on the table," it was agreed to. The question recurring on the second branch of the resolution, to wit, "without printing," it was agreed to.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That no State or District Grand Lodge or Encampment shall be in good standing in this Order on the first day of March, 1851, which shall not previously have paid the assessment, ordered to meet the payment of mileage and per diem allowance of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Sire be directed to issue his proclamation to the Order as soon as possible after that day, informing it of the names of all such recusant Grand Bodies.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, moved to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee, and a motion to refer having precedence over a motion to lay on the table, the question was on the motion to refer.

Rep. Martin of Miss., moved to amend the motion to refer by substituting the Special Committee already raised on the subject for the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved that the Lodge adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Martin, to refer to the Special Committee already raised, it was agreed to.

And the motion to refer, as thus amended, was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Martin, of Miss., Smith, of Ky., Magruder, of D. of C., Holmes, of Mo., and Manchester, of R. I., as the committee.

Rep. Read, of N. J., moved that the Lodge adjourn, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee already raised on that subject:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in arrears to the Grand Lodge of the United States for assessments or charges of any kind, at the commencement of the session of the Grand Lodge in the year 1851, be disqualified to vote by its Representative or Representatives in this body, in accordance with the provisions of the 12th Article of the By-Laws, page 69 Digest.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be discharged from the consideration of the several references of matters connected with recusant Grand Lodges and Encampments, and that the same be referred to the Special Committee already raised on that subject.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, moved to adjourn, which was not agreed to

The question recurred on the resolution of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.

Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., which was agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to return to the various Grand Bodies the assessment tax paid by them to this Body, and that any Grand Body which has failed to pay the same be, and is hereby exonerated from its payment.

Pending which, on motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives

Prayer by Rev. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of the session of yesterday was dispensed with

Rep. Larue, of La., from the majority of the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to instituting appropriate honorary degrees for the wives and daughters of scarlet degree members and past officers, respectfully report that the institution of such degrees is unadvised and inappropriate.

J. C. LARUE,

J. A. KENNEDY.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Smith, of N. New York, to be found on page 1578 Journal, relative to instituting appropriate honorary degrees for the wives and daughters of age of Scarlet Degree members, also one for the wives and daughters of Past Officers, begs leave respectfully to report:

That he agrees with the majority of the committee in reporting *against* a special degree for the wives and daughters of Past Officers, as distinguished from the wives and daughters of Scarlet Degree members. If a system of this kind is adopted, it should be as little complicated as possible, and avoid the error of attempting too much at once.

But in regard to the main question, that of instituting a Ladies Degree for the wives of Scarlet Degree members, he is compelled to differ widely from his associates.

The subject may be calculated to excite a smile, but he takes the liberty of briefly presenting, in serious language, the reasons for the views he entertains. They are all governed solely, in the consideration of matters affecting our system, by a regard for the prosperity and progress of the Order.

1. It would tend to increase the resources of Subordinate Lodges by the advance of members in the degrees. The experience of other Orders which have adopted kindred systems have proved this. It affords an additional incentive for brethren, and an additional argument for those allied to them, to induce them to progress upwards in the Order. The undersigned is willing to test the correctness of this prediction by the experience of the future, if the new Degree is adopted.

2. It would complete the present imperfect system in force in most of the jurisdictions, by which wives and widows' cards are now authorized. By sections 12, 13 and 14 of Digest, p. 37, wives and widows' cards can be granted to run for a year, and to be signed by the officers of the Lodge, and countersigned by the recipient on the margin. This is for the purpose of affording protection in times of difficulty, to those who, by the theory of our Order, have an eminent right to claim their friendly assistance, and many instances are on record proving that this purpose has often, and most happily been carried out.

We thus consider them as enjoying a quasi membership in the Order. This would make the system more symmetrical, and render that connection more pleasant and honorary.

3. It would lessen and ultimately destroy the prejudice felt against the Order, by many of the fairer sex in various portions of the Union, and which undeniably often tends to prevent accessions of members in subordinate Lodges. We appear to exhibit a distrust of them, which other prominent Orders do not. In many of the states the Masonic Lodges are authorized to confer a similar degree upon those ladies connected with their members. The Sons of Temperance have a kindred branch of their Order, called the Daughters of Temperance. and the Rechabites have also their Daughters of Rechab. Others in addition might be named. It would seem to require no argument to prove that Ladies becoming connected with the two latter Temperance organizations, knowing that Odd-Fellowship apparently exhibits no confidence, reposes no trust in them, would endeavor to induce those related to them to join the other more courteous Orders, while a different number, who are not connected with such, and do not desire to participate in the details and labor

of business incidental to such organization, but who would prefer simply to have a tie in common with the Order of which their companions are members, would strive to incline the undecided mind of such husbands to this argument, tending of course decidedly against the increase of our Order.

4. Such a degree could be made to assist Odd-Fellowship in peculiar and difficult cases of brothers' sickness. In many such, the kindly nursing of woman is needed far more than the assiduous and constant attendance of man, for she was formed to minister at the couch of affliction; and in the watching which our laws so strictly and properly provide for, we only strive to compel the observance by laws and penalties of what in her is Instinct, the promptings of Nature, the impulse of the Heart. By making such assistance in cases of peculiar exigency, at the crisis of a tedious or dangerous disease, a *duty* known to be expected by the Order, as well as due in like cases to those of their own sex thus associated with them, —a valuable and systematic aid will be secured. The promotion by this association of warm friendship between the lady members, thus afflicted, is not in addition, an unimportant consideration.

Other arguments might be presented, but these are deemed sufficient to justify the undersigned in presenting this report. If the adoption of this plan should, as it undoubtedly would, increase the interest felt in the prosperity and growth of the Order among that sex who wield an influence that few deny and all obey, the purposes of its friends would have been accomplished. Northern New York have unanimously approved of and recommended such a system. Indiana and Mississippi, without knowing of such a decision, have also by a large majority adopted similar views. Whether others have acted similarly, is not within the knowledge of the undersigned. But he has full confidence that, whatever may be the present decision of this question, this step of Progress will ultimately be taken.

He presents for adoption the following resolution, which is intended simply to prepare the way for the definite consideration of such a degree at the next session. SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members be appointed to prepare an appropriate honorary degree, with an accompanying sign or signs and pass-word, to be conferred upon the wives of scarlet degree members who are in good standing in the Order; and that such Committee report such degree for consideration at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G.'s Samuel Shaffer and William Andrews, of Ohio, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this Grand Body.

Rep. Brown, of Ind., by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. Pogue, of Ind., be admitted to visit the Grand Lodge during the session.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the hour of adjournment, to wit, the resolution of Rep. Curtis, of

Pa., touching the refunding of the assessment tax to such Grand Bodies as may have paid the same.

Rep. Curtis, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution.

Rep. Read, of N. J., seconded by Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., both of whom voted in the affirmative on the resolution passed at the session of yesterday, ordering to lay on the table, without printing, the resolution of Rep. Wood, of N. J., now moved to reconsider said vote, which was unanimously agreed to.

The question being on the first branch of the resolution, to wit. to lay the motion of Rep. Wood, of N. J., on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Magruder, of the District of Columbia, it was adopted; and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns on Friday next, it adjourn without day; and that the next Communication of this Body shall be holden in the city of Baltimore.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which the Chair ruled out of order, being a reflection on the last Grand Lodge of the United States:

Resolved, That the fourth resolution on page 1490 of Vol. III. of Proceedings, as subsequently amended and adopted, was unconstitutional in its character, and unequal in its operation.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a Secret Session this evening at half past seven o'clock, for instruction in the Work of the Order.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is always competent for this Grand Lodge to consider and decide upon the constitutionality of any law which it may have passed in its legislative capacity.

The Chair ruled that the resolution was virtually an appeal from a decision of the Chair, since which decision other business had been introduced and acted on. The appeal comes too late.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Rep. Barrows, of Miss., moved to lay the appeal on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative, on which the yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbott, Abell, Andrews of La., Askew, Bayly of D. of C., Bayley of Md., Barrows, Brown of Ind., Brown of N. H., Chase, Chester (2 votes,) Colfax, Conley, Corneau, Currier, Egan, Flint, Holmes, Hunt, Kingsbury, Libby, Magruder, Manchester, Martin, Meredith, Penny (2 votes,) Pindell, Potts, Sanford, Smith of Tenn., Smith of Del., Stewart of Del., Tewksbury, Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wakeley, Ward, Wheeler, Willey, Williams of Maine, Wood, Woodruff—45.

NAYS—Bebee, Brunet, Curtis, Davies, Ellison, Ely, Frost, Hale. (2 votes,) Kennedy, Larue, McEwen, Narine, Read, Rice, Smith of Ky., Stokes, Williams of Ohio—20.

Rep. Chester, of Mich., seconded by Rep. Colfax, of Ia., proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table for consideration at the next Annual Session:

Resolved, That Article XIV of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S. be, and the same is hereby amended, by inserting the words "Past Grand Patriarch or Past Grand High Priest," after the words Past Grand Master.

Rep. Garritt, of Ark., presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The hour fixed for the special order, to wit, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, page 1574 Journal, having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to that subject.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, the Lodge agreed to take up the subject under consideration, in the order it was presented in the report, and the question being on the amendment to the Constitution, proposed by Rep. Webster, of R. I., to Article VIII, page 1407 Journal,

Rep. Conley moved the following resolution, upon which he called the previous question:

Resolved, That all amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge be postponed to the next Session of the Grand Lodge, to be held in the year 1851; and that the proposed amendments be entered upon the journal of the present session.

The previous question being seconded by the Lodge, was taken in the form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Conley, of Ga.?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Andrews, of La., Askew, Bayly, of D. C., Bayley, of Md., Conley, Curtis, Davies, (2 votes,) Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Flint, Frost, Hale, (2 votes,) Holmes, Kingsbury, Larue, Libby, Magruder, Penny, (2 votes,) Pindell, Potts, Smith, of Del., Stewart, of Del., Stuart, of D. C., Stokes, Tewksbury, Wheeler, Williams, of Me., Woodruff—34.

NAYS—Abbett, Abell, Barnard, (2 votes,) Barrows, Rebee, Brown, of Ind., Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Chester, Colfax, Corneau, (2 votes,) Currier, Egan, Garritt, Hunt, McEwen, Manchester, Martin, Meredith, Narine, Read, Rice, Sanford, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Trippe, Vallesau, Vennigerholz, Wakeley, (2 votes,) Ward, Webster, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, (2 votes,) Wood—40.

Rep. Williams, of Me., moved that the whole subject under consideration be postponed until 3½ o'clock P. M., on Thursday, which was agreed to.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to lay the amendment of Rep. Webster, of R. I., to the Constitution, on the table, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., the Lodge agreed to take up out of its order the amendment to the 8th Article of the Constitution reported by the committee, as proposed by Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, page 1522 Journal

Rep. Frost, of Mass., moved to postpone the proposed amendment to the Constitution indefinitely.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., moved to lay the motion of Rep. Frost, to postpone indefinitely, on the table.

Rep. Penny, of Ala., moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., called the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was taken as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative: the main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the 8th Article of the Constitution, submitted by Rep. Colfax, of Ind., on page 1522 Journal of last communication?"

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., called for a division of the question: and the question being on the first branch of the proposed amendment, as follows:

"Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, with the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Representatives."

The yeas and nays were required and taken, and before the announcement of the result, Rep. Abell, of Connecticut, asked leave to have his vote recorded as two votes for the State of Connecticut, (his colleague being absent,) which leave was granted. Rep. Smith, of Del., asked leave to change in part the vote of Delaware, his vote having been cast adverse to his wishes in his temporary absence by his colleague: objection being made, the Chair decided that the leave could be granted only by a majority of the Lodge.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows; and the chair announced that two-thirds of the Lodge having voted in the affirmative, the amendment was adopted, and forms part of the Constitution:

YEAS.—Abbett; Abell, (2 votes,) Bayly, of D. C., Bayley, of Md., Barnard, (2 votes,) Barrows, Bebee, Brown, of Ind., Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Colfax, Corneau, (2 votes,) Currier, Egan, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Flint, Garritt, Hunt, McEwen, Magruder, Manchester, Martin, Meredith, Narine, Page, Penny, (2 votes,) Polts, Read, Sanford, Stewart, of Del., (2 votes,) Tewksbury, Trippe, Val-leau, Wakeley, Ward, Webster, Wheeler, Williams, of Ohio, Wood—48.

NAYS.—Andrews, of La., Askew, Chester, (2 votes,) Conley, Curtis, Davies, (2 votes,) Frost, Hale, Holmes, Kingsbury, Larue, Pindell, Rice, Smith, of Tenn., (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. C., Stokes, Vinnegerholz, Williams, of Maine, Woodruff—23.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved that Rep. Smith, of Delaware, have leave to record his vote.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved to lay the motion of Rep. Stokes on the table, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the second branch of the amendment to the Constitution under consideration, on motion of Rep. Ward, of N. N. Y., it was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Pindell, of Ky., the remainder of the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business not already acted upon, was laid on the table.

On motion of Rep. Pindell, of Ky., the Lodge agreed to consider

the amendment to the 11th Article of the Constitution, offered by Rep. Conley, of Georgia, page 1557 Journal of the Adjourned Session, pending the consideration of which, on motion, the Lodge adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

3½ o'clock P. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the adjournment, to wit, the amendment of Rep. Conley, of Ga., to the 11th Article of the Constitution, page 1557 of the Journal.

Rep. Pindell, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed to the 11th Article of the Constitution by Rep. Conley, of Ga.? which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Barnard, Bebee, Brown, of Ind., Colfax, Conley, Corneau, Currier, Egan, McEwen, Manchester, Meredith, Page, Pindell, Potts, Smith, of Ky., Wakely, Ward, Webster, Wheeler, Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodruff.—24.

NAYS.—Abbett, Abell, Andrews, of La., Bayly, of D. of C., Baylev, of Md., Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Clark, Ellison, Ely, Flint, Garritt, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Larue, Libby, Martin, Penny, Read, Shaw, Smith, of Del., Steel, Stewart, of Del, Stuart of D. of C., Stokes, Vennigerholz, Willey, Williams, of Maine—39.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Smith, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Charles Henry, of Kentucky, be permitted to visit during the session.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Egan, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That G. H. Priest Parsons, of Northern New York, be admitted as a visitor during the sitting of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Committee on Credentials moved the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, they have examined the credentials of P. G. M. Geo. W. Woodward, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and find the same correct.

SAMUEL READ,

D. N. BARROWS,

H. PORTER ANDREWS.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., submitted the following communication from the Grand Lodge of Pa.:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

SIRS AND BROS.:—At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pa., held July 18th, the following among other proceedings were had, viz:

Resolved, That we protest sternly and solemnly against the assessment made by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as being unconstitutional in every portion of the mode by which the law therefor was passed, and consequently in the operation of the law itself.

Fraternally yours,

WM. CURTIS *G. Secretary.*

On motion to refer the paper to the Committee on the State of the Order, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Abbott, Abell, Andrews of La., Bayly, of D. C., (2 votes,) Barnard, (2 votes,) Barrows, (2 votes,) Bebee, Brown, of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Clark, Corneau, Curtis, Davies, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Frost, Garritt, Hunt, Kennedy, Larue, (2 votes,) McEwen, Narine, Pindell, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Steel, (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. of C., Stokes, Ward, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodward.—40

NAYS.—Askew, Barrows, Brown, of Ind., Colfax, Conley, Currier, Egan, Flint, Holmes, Kingsbury, Libby, Manchester, Martin, Meredith, Page, Penny, Potts, Read, (2 votes,) Sanford, Shaw, Smith, of Del., Stewart, of Del., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wakeley, Webster, Wheeler, Williams, of Maine.—29.

Rep. Tewksbury, of Md., presented the following paper, which on his motion was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

We, the undersigned, Representatives of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, by direction of that Right Worthy Body, and in her behalf, do most solemnly and earnestly protest against the legality and constitutionality of the following enactments of your R. W. Body at the session held September, 1849.

1st. We protest against any meeting of your R. W. Body out of Maryland, as a violation of the original compact by which the Grand Lodge of Maryland surrendered her power as Grand Lodge of the United States. which surrender was made upon certain *conditions*, among which is the following: "That the Grand Charter of Maryland and of the United States be vested in the P. G's of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Maryland shall receive a Grand Charter from the same, and thereupon resign all claims or title to or from it, other than in common with the other Grand Lodges, which said Grand Charter shall have and contain in the engrossing thereof a clause representing the said investment and condition, and further, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States doth give said Charter on *condition* that they keep the Grand Lodge of the United States in Maryland.

2d. We protest against the "*mileage and per diem law*," on the ground that it was not passed in the manner required by the Constitution, viz: that it was part of an amendment legally proposed as a whole, but became by its division an amendment to an amendment, which did not lay over a constitutional term; in which shape it has frequently been ruled as unconstitutional, and we deny the right of

your R. W. Body to do by indirection that which it is acknowledged it cannot do by direct and lawful means.

Rep. Abbett, of Md., presented the following paper, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

By direction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland her Representatives respectfully present the following

PROTEST.

Referring to a compact existing between the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be found in the Journal of Grand Lodge United States proceedings, Vol. 1, p. 66, in which among other things, is contained the following words:

"That the Grand Charter of Maryland and of the United States be vested in the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Maryland shall receive a Grand Charter from the same, and thereupon resign all claim or title to or from it, other than common with the other Grand Lodges, which said Grand Charter shall have and contain in the engrossing thereof a clause representing the said investment and condition; and further, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States doth give the said Charter on condition that they keep the Grand Lodge of the United States in Maryland."

Now, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, by her Representatives, doth solemnly protest against the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in any place out of the State of Maryland as a violation of the compact above referred to.

And the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland doth further protest, by her Representatives, that the fact of their presence here shall not be construed to prejudice the right of Maryland to insist upon a strict compliance with the original compact between the two bodies.

And Maryland, by her Representatives, doth *solemnly protest* against the Mileage and Per Diem Law, on the ground that it was not passed in the manner contemplated by the Constitution. The Law was part of an amendment, legally proposed as a whole, but became by its being divided an amendment to an amendment, which did not lay over a constitutional term, in which shape it has frequently been ruled unconstitutional; and the Grand Lodge of Maryland questions the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to do that by indirection which it is acknowledged it cannot do by direct means.

We *most solemnly protest* against the contemplated tax to meet the Mileage and Per Diem expenses—

1st. Because it was voted down when presented as an amendment to the Constitution, where a two-third vote is required, and

2d. It was passed *as a law* by a majority vote, in direct violation of the 12th Article of the Constitution, and

3d. That the doctrine of "necessity," questionable at best, should not be extended to a case directly in violation of a long standing constitutional provision, and especially just after the Grand Lodge had determined, in the most solemn form known to it, that it should not be engrafted on the Constitution.

We ask that this our solemn and earnest Protest shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings.

JOHN W. HUNT, }
THOS. M. ABBETT, } Reps. of Md.

Rep. Bayly, of the D. of C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee enquire into the expediency of restoring the three months term for subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, together with certain proceedings of the Subordinate Lodges relative to the removal of said Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That the location of said Grand Lodge is fixed by the Charter, the fundamental law of that body, under which it exists—and that in order to justify the Grand Lodge in changing the fundamental law of any State Grand Body, it should be clearly shown either that there is a strong and evident necessity for the change sought to be made, or that a clear and decided majority have expressed themselves in its favor; and that such expression is made in conformity with law.

If these principles are correct, and we presume they will not be disputed, it only remains for the committee to apply the facts in the case as shown by the papers accompanying the resolutions.

In reference to the first point, we presume it will not be contended that such necessity exists—we therefore shall pass that point, without further remark.

It appears from the printed proceedings of that body, that out of 157 Lodges, the number in the State at the time, 85 voted for the removal, a majority of 12. It also appears that these 85 Lodges were composed of 566 P. G's and 4,610 contributing members—and that the Lodges which did not vote in favor of it, were composed of 866 P. G's and 5,553 contributing members, thus showing a majority of 300 P. G's and 943 members opposed to the removal.

In reference to the third point, your committee beg leave to present an extract from the report of the committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to whom this subject was referred, as follows:

"Your committee have no evidence in their possession (further than the accompanying papers, which appear to be only memorandums belonging to the Grand Secretary,) that such election was held pursuant to the resolutions of this Grand Lodge, or, in fact, that such elections were held at all."

We therefore submit the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be not agreed to.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication and resolution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, respectfully report, that the paper appears to contain two separate propositions, one to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of said State, the other to change the location of said Grand Lodge, from Trenton to Newark and Camden, alternately. Your committee are of the opinion that the first proposition properly belongs to the Committee on Constitutions—and that the second proposition, viz. a moveable Grand Lodge, has been so repeatedly acted upon and refused, that it may be regarded as the settled policy of this Grand Lodge to refuse all such applications—they, therefore, submit the following resolutions.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER.

Resolved, That so much of the communication as relates to the amendments to the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Resolved, That so much of it that relates to the removal of said Grand Lodge be not agreed to.

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Woodruff, of Ga., asking the consent of the G. Lodge to the removal of the seat of the G. Lodge of Georgia from Savannah to Macon, beg leave to report the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN CHESTER.

Resolved, That the consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States is hereby given to the amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, changing the location of the Grand Lodge from Savannah to Macon, in said State.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Ky., leave of absence was granted to Rep. Pindell, of Ky., for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report: That they have had referred to them, and have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, and also the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, and find that they each recognize *moveable Grand Bodies*.

Your Committee being obliged to act under the rule, and the various marked decisions which have from time to time been made by this Grand Lodge, upon reports from Standing and Special Committees on this subject, and which are spread over the Journal from the year 1844 to 1849, inclusive, all of which *disapprove* of *moveable Grand Bodies*, respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge of Northern New York and the Grand Encampment of Northern New York shall be each instructed to amend their Constitutions by locating permanently their place of meeting.

Your committee would also recommend that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York shall be amended so as to recognize the continuance of certain Subordinate Lodges in that jurisdiction, who had elected prior to the 1st day of January, 1850, to be under the jurisdiction of Southern New York.

The committee would therefore propose the following resolutions; all of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
FRED. S. GARRITT,
H. A. PINDELL,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Northern New York be required to amend their Constitution, in Article III, Section I, by erasing the words after the word "shall," in the 6th line, and inserting the words "hold its session at Utica, in the northern judicial district of the State of New York."

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of N. N. York be required to amend their Constitution, by inserting after the word "section," in the 9th line of Article I, Section 2, the words "except those bodies located therein as may have elected prior to the 1st day of January, 1850, to attach themselves to the Grand Lodge of S. N. York."

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have had referred to them the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, have carefully examined it, and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ASKEW,
FRED. S. GARRITT,
H. A. PINDELL,

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that the Constitution of Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, of Arkansas, has been referred to them, and they have examined the same, and recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ASKEW,
FRED. S. GARRITT,
H. A. PINDELL.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom have been referred sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, beg leave to report that they have examined said amendments carefully, and finding them correct, recommend that they shall be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ASKEW.
FRED. S. GARRITT,
H. A. PINDELL.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have had referred to them for examination certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, and finding them correct, recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ASKEW,
FRED. S. GARRITT,
H. A. PINDELL.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., seconded by Rep. Chester, of Mich., laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Strike out of Article XI. the following words: "*third Monday in September,*" and insert the "*third Monday in August.*"

Strike out of Article XI. the word "*third,*" on the second line, and insert the word "*first*"

Rep. Potts, of Illinois, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Lodges not Represented beg leave to report, that at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in July last, the same Grand Body adopted certain amendments to their Constitution requiring only one session a year of their Grand Body, diminishing the Representative bodies; also requiring the D. D. G. Masters to report to the Grand Master; also making the Annual Communication to be holden in January of each year; also the right to reduce the salary of their Grand Secretary; also giving the Grand Master the casting vote in cases of tie in the legislation of said Body; also the right to remove the seat of their Grand Lodge to Iowa City, in said State, if a majority of the Subordinates under the jurisdiction thereof should approve of said removal.

Your Committee find nothing in the contemplated change conflicting with the rights of the Grand Body, and would therefore recommend the approval by this R. W. G. Lodge of the amendments made and contemplated by said State Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. POTTS,
J. B. FROST, Jr.,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, Jr.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., from the majority of the Special Committee, to whom the subject was referred, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed for the purpose have had under consideration the refusal of various subordinates under this jurisdiction to pay the amounts assessed upon them for the purpose of paying the mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives, and beg leave to report,

That they regret the existence of a question so serious in its character, but feel no hesitation in meeting it with the promptness and decision which its importance demands.

The Grand Lodge of the United States, in the language of the first

Article of the Constitution, "possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the federal government of the United States." Its powers are not derived from the State Grand Bodies. The Subordinate Grand Lodges possess only such powers as are granted them by this Grand Lodge. All power not so granted is reserved and remains in this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore deem the said assessment to have been made under the power vested in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be constitutional and binding, and recommend that compliance therewith be required. The policy of such assessment is no longer a question of debate.

Your committee cannot recognise the right of a State Grand Lodge to nullify the laws of this Body. Any attempt to do so should be met with fineness, and be promptly condemned. This Grand Lodge will cease to deserve respect if we fail to require it from subordinates. Submission in one instance will invite a repetition of acts of insubordination, and this body will cease to preserve its dignity and become powerless to enforce its edicts. It becomes necessary, therefore, to rebuke those who have refused to comply with the legitimate requisitions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Before our next regular communication, twelve months will have expired, and it will then properly devolve upon this Lodge to exclude recusant Grand Bodies from representation, and to take such other steps as the nature of the case may require. Your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions, to wit:

1st. *Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in levying assessments upon Subordinates to pay the mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives was a legitimate exercise of its powers.

2d. *Resolved*, That the various Subordinates which have refused to pay such assessment have virtually asserted a right to nullify the acts of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which cannot be recognised.

3d. *Resolved*, That the payment of said assessment be and the same is hereby required.

4th. *Resolved*, That the question of depriving recusant Grand Bodies of representation in the event they shall persist in refusing to pay said assessment, be referred to this Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, when its consideration will more properly arise.

W. T. MARTIN,
HENRY HOLMES,
WM. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

Rep. Smith, of Ky., from the minority of the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the committee to whom was referred the subject of the per diem and mileage assessments, would respectfully submit the accompanying resolutions, which are in accordance with the opinion of his constituents.

This Grand Lodge has heretofore declared by a large majority that the enactment levying the assessment was legal, which opinion is entitled to respect until it shall be otherwise decided by proper judicial appeal. Yet although the Grand Lodge has undoubted right, by le-

gal enactment, to make a direct assessment upon the several subordinates, as a wise and just ruler it should not insist upon its stern rights, or rigidly enforce a law that may have been hasty, ill digested, and in its operation oppressive. The law was presented and passed at the same session, and without advising with its subordinates, who were the parties actually interested, and without giving them time to prepare for the radical change; the law therefore was a hasty one.

That it was ill digested is evident from the fact that it was repealed at the first communication after its enactment, and that it was oppressive is proven by the communications which have come up from many of the subordinate Grand Lodges.

Under the circumstances, therefore, the undersigned is of opinion it would be neither directly or indirectly yielding a right or prerogative, but on the contrary it would be wise and just policy to remit the assessments that have been levied under said law.

Respectfully submitted,

BALLARD SMITH.

Resolved, That the assessments made at the last communication upon the several subordinate Grand Lodges to meet the payment of the per diem allowance and mileage, be remitted.

Resolved, That the respective amounts which have been paid by the several subordinate Grand Lodges, in discharge of said assessments, be refunded or credited to such subordinates on account of the indebtedness which exists, or may hereafter accrue.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., moved that the rule requiring reports to lay over one day be suspended, which was agreed to.

Whereupon he further moved that the report of the minority of the committee be adopted.

Rep. Penny, of Ala., moved to lay the motion to adopt on the table, which was not agreed to; the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, of La., Askew, Barrows, Brown, of Ind., Brown, of N. H., (2 votes,) Chester, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Conley, Currier, Garritt, Holmes, (2 votes,) Larue, (2 votes,) Libby, Manchester, Martin, Meredith, Penny, Potts, Shaw, Smith, of Del., (2 votes,) Vennigerholz, Webster, Woodruff—29.

NAYS.—Abell, Abbott, Bayly, of D. C., (2 votes,) Bayley, of Md., Barnard, (2 votes,) Bebee, Brunet, Corneau, Curtis, Davies, Egan, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Frost, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) McEwen, Narine, Page, Pindell, Read, Sanford, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Steel, (2 votes,) Stuart of D. C., (2 votes,) Stokes, Tewksbury, Wakeley, Ward, Wheeler, Willey Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodward—42.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the minority report,

Rep. Page, of Wis., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the minority of the committee?"

Rep. Larue, of La., asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution reported by the minority of the committee, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Abbett, Abell, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, (2 votes,) Bebee, Curtis, Davies, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Frost, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) McEwen, Narine, Pindell, Read, Sanford, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Stokes, Tewksbury, Ward, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood—29.

NAYS.—Andrews, of La., Askew, Bayly, of D. C., Brown of Ind., Brown, of N. H., (2 votes,) Brunet, Chester, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Conley, Currier, Garritt, Holmes, (2 votes,) Larue, (2 votes,) Libby, Magruder, Manchester, Martin, (2 votes,) Meredith, Page, Penny, Potts, Shaw, Smith, of Del., (2 votes,) Steel, (2 votes,) Stewart, of Del., Stuart, of D. C., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wakeley, Webster, Wheeler, Woodward, Woodruff—41.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved to reconsider the vote just had, which motion, on motion of Rep. Larue, of La., was ordered to lie on the table.

The question recurring on the second resolution reported by the minority of the committee, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Abbett, Abell, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, (2 votes,) Bebee, Curtis, Davies, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Frost, Hunt, Kennedy, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) McEwen, Narine, Read, Sanford, Smith, of Ky., Stokes, Tewksbury, Ward, Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood—29.

NAYS.—Andrews, of La., Askew, Bayly, of D. C., Brown, of Ind., Brown, of N. H., (2 votes,) Brunet, Chester, Clark, Colfax, Conley, Currier, Garritt, Holmes, (2 votes,) Larue, (2 votes,) Libby, Magruder, Manchester, Martin, (2 votes,) Meredith, Page, Penny, Pindell, Potts, Shaw, Smith, of Del., (2 votes,) Steel, (2 votes,) Stewart, of Del., Stuart, of D. C., Vennigerholz, Wakeley, Webster, Wheeler, Woodward, Woodruff—42.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved to reconsider the vote just had, which motion, on motion of Rep. Larue, of La., was ordered to lie on the table.

The question recurring on the majority report, Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved the adoption of the report and resolutions of the majority of the committee, upon which motion he called the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the majority of the committee, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Andrews, of La., Askew, Brown, of Ind., Brown of N. H., (2 votes,) Brunet, Chester, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Conley, Currier, Garritt, Holmes, (2 votes,) Libby, Magruder, Manchester, Martin, (2 votes,) Meredith, Page, Penny, Potts, Shaw, Smith, of Del., Steel, (2 votes,) Stewart, of Del., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wakeley, Webster, Wheeler, Woodward, (2 votes,) Woodruff—37.

NAYS.—Abell, Bayly, of D. C., Bayley, of Md., Barnard, (2 votes,) Bebee, Curtis, Davies, Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Frost, Hunt, (2 votes,) Kennedy, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) Larue, McEwen, Narine, Pindell, Read, Sanford, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. C., Stokes, Tewksbury, Ward, (2 votes,) Willey, Williams, of Ohio, Wood—33.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved a reconsideration of the vote just had.

Rep. Davies, of S. N. York, moved that the Lodge adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider,

On motion of Rep. Meredith, of Ind., it was ordered to be laid on the table.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred so much of the G. Secretary's Report as relates to the Estate of Brother Wildey, would ask leave to submit the following statement and recommendation:

The amount of loan to P. G. Sire Wildey is	-	-	\$4,000 00
Amount received from Lodges last year,	\$1,113 50		
" " " " this year,	225 00	-	1,338 50

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,661 50
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The committee would recommend that when this balance has been received, either from Lodges or from P. G. Sire Wildey, or his heirs or devisees, that the estate of Brother Wildey be released; provided, that after the decease of said Wildey the balance remaining due on account of said loan shall be paid by his heirs or devisees within twelve months from the time of his decease.

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM ELLISON,
 WM. CURTIS,
 STEPHEN BROWN.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to report to the present session of this Grand Lodge a particular statement of the funds, stocks, notes, dues, mortgages, or other securities or investments held by or due to this Grand Lodge. Also, the manner and the form of evidence of the investment of all moneys which have been received, paid out, or invested, under any resolutions of this Grand Lodge establishing or relating to the Wildey fund or Annuity.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully submit the following report in relation to the appeal of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, of the State of Maryland, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of that State.

The case as shown by the papers and documents submitted to the committee is as follows:

On the 2d day of January, 1850, Brother J. J. Griffith, a member of Jefferson Lodge, was suspended. The cause of suspension was his alleged failure for fifteen months to pay his dues, (amounting to six dollars and twenty-five cents,) and fines to the amount of one dollar and seventy-five cents; making in the whole, eight dollars. By its laws, this was sufficient cause for suspension. Previously, however, and in March, 1848, Bro. Griffith, then clear of the books, was reported sick. According to the by-laws of Jefferson Lodge, it was the duty of the Visiting Committee to examine into the case of any sick brother, and in conjunction with the N. G. draw upon the

Treasurer for such amount of benefits as they considered him entitled to.

The committee visited Bro. Griffith, and offered to allow him two weeks benefits, amounting to six dollars. This he refused to accept, conceiving himself entitled to more. The matter was then reported to the Lodge; but it does not appear that any action was taken upon it. No further proceedings were had in the case until the suspension of Bro. Griffith, at the time stated above.

Bro. Griffith appealed to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which at its communication in April last sustained his appeal. From this decision, Jefferson Lodge has appealed to this Grand Lodge.

There is but a single question in this case. If Jefferson Lodge was obliged to deduct Bro. Griffith's claim for benefits from the amount of his dues and fines, the balance due would not have authorized his suspension. The language of the General Law of Maryland relative to suspension is as follows:

"Any member failing to pay his weekly dues for thirteen regular Lodge meeting nights, shall be suspended from receiving weekly or funeral benefits, and should he fail during the space of one year thereafter to pay all arrears that shall lawfully accrue against him, he shall be suspended in full from visiting any Lodge in the Order."

It appears that Bro. Griffith had a valid claim upon the Treasury of Jefferson Lodge for six dollars; a claim audited and sanctioned in the manner prescribed by its own by-laws, and not questioned by itself, when brought directly before it by the report of the Visiting Committee.

Your committee conceive that it would be a strained and very technical construction of the above law, and would do violence to justice and fairness, to hold that brother Griffith was, at the time of his suspension, in arrears to the Lodge for more than two dollars. They, therefore, consider that his suspension was not warranted, and report the resolution hereto appended. Respectfully submitted,

E. WAKELEY,

JOS. WOOD,

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ.

Resolved, That the appeal of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, from a decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, at its April Communication, A. D. 1850, concerning the appeal of Bro. J. J. Griffith, be dismissed.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals submit the following report upon the appeal of P. G. Jacob Levi, from a decision of the R. W. G. Lodge of Ohio.

The facts of the case appear to the committee as follows:—P. G. Levi was a member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 83. On the 8th day of January, 1849, he applied for a final card. Objection to its being granted was made by a member. In accordance with the rules of the Lodge, a committee was appointed to investigate the objection. Before the committee reported, Bro. Levi had handed to the Secretary a written withdrawal of his application. On the 19th day of February the committee reported in favor of granting the card. Before a vote was taken upon the adoption of the report, Bro. Levi's withdrawal was read by the Secretary. The N. G. decided that the

application could not be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge Brother Levi in person then desired the Lodge to vote against it. A vote was then taken, by which the card was granted.

From this action, P. G. Levi appealed to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which sustained the proceedings of Magnolia Lodge. From this decision P. G. Levi has appealed to this body.

The only question involved in the case is whether a brother has the right to withdraw an application for a final card before a vote upon granting it has been taken.

The committee have no doubt he has such a right. They therefore report the appended resolutions. Respectfully submitted

E. WAKELEY,

JOS. WOOD,

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ.

Resolved, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its session in January last, dismissing the complaint of P. G. Jacob Levi, concerning the proceedings of Magnolia Lodge, No. 83, was erroneous.

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. Levi from said decision of the G. Lodge of Ohio is sustained.

Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals report as follows upon the appeal of Concordia Lodge, No. 4, of the State of New Jersey, from certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of that State:

In November, 1849, Hutchinson Moon, a member of Concordia Lodge, preferred a claim for benefits to the amount of twenty-seven dollars. His right to the benefits depended upon the question of fact, whether, in the month of May previous, he had paid to the Secretary one dollar for dues. The Lodge referred this question to a committee. The committee reported in favor of giving Bro. H. Moon credit for the amount of one dollar. A vote was taken by yeas and nays upon the adoption of the report. The result was ayes 6, nays 18.

Bro. Moon appealed from this action to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which, at its session in February last, reversed the decision of Concordia Lodge, and directed it to pay to Bro. Moon his benefits. From this decision Concordia Lodge has appealed to this body.

The case involves a mere question of fact. The evidence furnished to the committee, and which is all that has ever been elicited, is very meagre, and inconclusive. In the opinion of the committee, it was insufficient to warrant the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in reversing the decision of Concordia Lodge. They therefore report by the annexed resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

E. WAKELEY,

JOS. WOOD,

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ.

Resolved, That the appeal of Concordia Lodge, No. 4, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at its session in February last, sustaining the appeal of Bro. Hutchinson Moon, is hereby sustained, and said decision of the G. Lodge reversed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 19, 1850, }
9 o'clock A. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Read, of N. J., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report they have examined the credentials of P. G. Josiah H. Bonney, representative from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and find them correct.

SAMUEL READ,
H. PORTER ANDREWS,
D. N. BARROWS.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the A. T. P. W.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Andrews, of La., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. D. G. M. Augustus S. Phelps, of Louisiana, be admitted to witness the deliberations of this Grand Lodge during its present session.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting the translation of the Work of the Order into the Welch Language, report:

That it is inexpedient to do so, there being no demands for it from any other quarter. To the second resolution, your committee see no good reason why the present law on that subject should be disturbed, and therefore consider it inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
W. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

On motion, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended, and the question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. M'Ewen, of Ohio, asked a division of the question.

The question being on the first branch of the report, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second branch of the report, it was adopted.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to contracting for supplies during the recess of this Grand Lodge, report:

That the most practicable mode would be to authorize that officer to procure such supplies by contract, from time to time, as the wants of the Order may require. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
W. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Mississippi, the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day was generally suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Bayly, of D. of C., relative to a restoration of the three months official terms in Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report:

That at the two last Annual Communications this question was agitated, and on both occasions the Grand Lodge decided by large majorities against any change in the present official terms. In 1848 the vote stood (see page 1321 printed Journal) 49 for declaring it inexpedient to legislate in reference to the subordinate terms, while 23 only voted against such resolution, and in favor of a change. In 1849 the Grand Lodge again decided, (see page 1400.) by the still more decisive vote of 62 to 23, against a return to the three months term. Believing that it would be now highly inexpedient to make any change in this matter, and thus unsettle what is now considered by the great bulk of the Order as permanent and fixed, they recommend that the existing laws remain unaltered.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
J. A. KENNEDY,
JOHN C. LARUE.

Rep. Sanford, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report: That since their former report there have been received full and correct reports from the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Also, the relief report of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, making the report from that Grand Lodge full and correct.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM E. SANFORD,
G. D. TEWKSBURY.

Rep. Smith, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that there is nothing in the correspondence submitted to them requiring the special action of this Right Worthy Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. P. SMITH,
HENRY HOLMES,
R. O. SHAW.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. New York, seconded by Rep. Ward, of N New York, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby instructed to adjust the assessment levied on the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, by remitting so much thereof as corresponds with the number of subordinate members attached to the Lodges, which, under the legislation of this Grand Lodge at the session of 1849, elected to attach themselves to the jurisdiction of Northern New York.

On motion of Rep. Hale, of S. New York, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Kennedy for the remainder of the Session, on account of sickness in his family.

On motion of Rep. Sanford, of Connecticut, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Willey, of Connecticut, on account of indisposition.

On motion of Rep. Shaw, of Alabama, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 1613 Journal.) touching the conferring of P. O. Degrees.

Rep. Shaw moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

Rep. Shaw, of Alabama, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Alabama be and is hereby authorized to confer the Past Official Degrees on Bro. John Seary, of Huntsville, Alabama.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put—will the Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Shaw, of Alabama? which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred a copy of the Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, purporting to contain an appeal of P. G. Rep. Mott, of Louisiana, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, beg leave to report:

That although your committee do not consider the said appeal as coming before this Grand Lodge in the proper form as prescribed by

a resolution to be found on the Journal, page 1127, second volume, yet as the subject matter contained in said appeal seems to be of so simple and plain a construction, your committee beg leave respectfully to state the point at issue, which appears to be simply this: Have a number of brethren residing in one parish or county the right to apply in regular form for a charter to open a Lodge in another parish or county of the same State, where there is no Lodge in existence? Your committee are unanimous in their opinion that they have that right; hence they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
J. WOOD,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ.

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. Rep. Mott, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be dismissed, and the decision of said Grand Lodge be sustained.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, page 1612-3 Journal.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the resolutions were considered seriatim, and the question being on the first resolution,

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "two" and inserting "three;" which was agreed to.

The question being on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The second resolution being under consideration,

Rep. M'Ewen, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows: "strike out four and insert five," which was agreed to.

The question recurred on the resolution as amended—

When Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved further to amend as follows:

But should any Grand Officer or Grand Representative fail to report himself as present at the session prior to the morning of the third day, he shall be only entitled to half mileage.

Rep. Penny, of Ala., moved to amend the amendment, by inserting the "second day" instead of the "third day"—which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Kennedy of S. N. Y., which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the second resolution of the Committee on Finance, as amended by the motion of Rep. McEwen, of Ohio, which was adopted.

The question recurred on the third resolution of the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to amend the resolution as follows, which was agreed to:

Strike out after the word "Secretary," and insert "and these resolutions shall go into effect from and after the close of this communication; all laws inconsistent therewith shall be from thenceforth repealed."

By unanimous consent, the business pending was suspended, to enable the Lodge to pass upon the following resolution, submitted by Rep. Ely, of Mass., which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be authorized to dispose of the State bonds now held by this Grand Lodge, for the use of the Treasury, at his discretion.

The Lodge proceeded again to the consideration of the third resolution of the Committee on Finance, as amended by the resolution of Rep. Ely, of Mass., which was adopted.

The question recurred on the 4th resolution of the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Larue, of La., moved to amend as follows, strike out the last line of the resolution, and insert:

"Paid all amounts due by said Grand Body to this Grand Lodge."

Which was agreed to.

The question recurred on the resolution as amended.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Grand Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the fourth resolution of the Committee on Finance, as amended by the motion of Rep. Larue, of La.?"

Rep. Abbett, of Md., asked a division of this question, and the question being on the first branch of the resolution as amended, to wit, down to and including, "&c." it was resolved in the affirmative. The question being on the second branch of the resolution as amended, it was agreed to.

On motion the Lodge adjourned until 3¼ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, Sept. 19, 3¼ o'clock P. M

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the adjournment, to wit, the report of the Committee on Finance, page 1612-3.

The question being on the fifth resolution reported by the Committee,

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., indefinitely to postpone the resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was agreed to.

The question recurred on the sixth resolution of the Committee on Finance, to wit, to repeal the 12th article of the By-Laws, when,

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, it was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., to reconsider the vote adopting the fourth resolution, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., to reconsider the vote by which the sixth resolution was indefinitely postponed, it was agreed to, and the question being again on the sixth resolution of the Committee on Finance,

Rep. Conley, of Ga., asked whether a two-third vote was not necessary to repeal a By-Law? The chair ruled that the adoption of the fourth resolution, by a two-third vote, was a virtual repeal of the 12th Article of the By-Laws; a two-third vote therefore, was not necessary, yet to put all doubt to rest on the subject, he suggested that a two-third vote be given. Whereupon the sixth resolution was agreed to, two-thirds voting therefor.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions of the Committee as a whole, the same were adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Curtis, of Pa., laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XII, Section 4, of the Constitution, as follows: In the second line, strike out the figures "20" and insert "50."

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., presented the following paper, which on his further motion, seconded by Rep. Abell, of Conn., was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

The undersigned, Representatives in the Grand Lodge of United States, who voted for the constitutional amendment abolishing the votes of the P. G. Sires, desire to place upon the Journal the following statement:

From the fact of this reform having been adopted during the official term of the present G. Sire, Bro. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, it might be inferred that some act or acts of his had caused discontent, or that his course had been such as to prompt us to give the votes we have. Such an inference would be totally false. Nothing could be more erroneous. Every one of us entertain the highest regard and esteem, personally and officially, for the present popular and excellent Head of the Order. And none of us could do anything that would wound his feelings. He has received the highest honors of the fraternity, and his best encomium is that his official course has proven that he deserved them. In the vote we gave on the P. G. Sire amendment, we were governed by no personal considerations or prejudice, but solely by principle, believing that there should not be a constantly increasing number of members of the G. Lodge, without constituents, and responsible for their acts only to themselves, and still

more, that in a representative body like this, life members should not be tolerated.

SCHUYLER COLFAX, Grand Encampment of Indiana.
 D. P. BARNARD, Grand Lodge, N. New York.
 THEO. A. WARD, Grand Encampment, N. New York.
 HORACE A. MANCHESTER, G. Lodge, Rhode Island.
 J. M. WHEELER, " "
 JOSEPH WOOD, G. Encampment of N. Jersey.
 A. B. CURRIER, " " N. Hampshire.
 WM. E. SANFORD, Connecticut.
 DAVID D. EGAN, Northern New York.
 H. L. WEBSTER, Grand Encampment, Rhode Island.
 STEPHEN BROWN, N. H.
 TOWNSEND P. ABELL, G. Lodge of Connecticut.
 FRANK R. CHASE, G. Lodge, N. H.
 S. MEREDITH, Indiana.
 SAMUEL PENNY, G. Lodge, Alabama.
 HORACE Y. BEBEE, G. Lodge of Ohio.
 T. C. M'EWEN, " "
 RICHARD WILLIAMS, G. Encampment of Ohio.
 C. M. VALLEAU, G. Lodge of Missouri.
 GEO. BROWN, " Indiana.
 WILL. T. MARTIN, " Mississippi.
 D. N. BARROWS, " "
 SAMUEL READ, " New Jersey.
 JAS. R. NARINE, " "
 W. B. MAGRUDER, " D. of C.
 WM. F. BAYLY, " "
 JOHN W. HUNT, " Maryland.
 TH. M. ABBETT, " "
 WM. BAYLEY, G. Encampment of Maryland.
 G. D. TEWKSBURY, " "
 E. WAKELEY, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
 D. C. TRIPPE, G. Encampment "
 FRED. S. GARRITT, Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
 S. A. CORNEAU, " Illinois.
 B. M. FLINT, " Maine.
 JAMES STUART, " Delaware.
 HERMAN L. PAGE, " Wisconsin.
 J. M. H. BRUNET, Grand Encampment of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. Bebee, of Ohio, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Petitions touching the removal of the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, page 1626 Journal, which being under consideration,

Rep. Bebee, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

By striking out all after the words "in conformity to law," and inserting "and whereas it appears in accordance with resolutions adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its annual session in January, 1850, a vote has been taken in the Subordinate Lodges of Ohio for and against a removal of said Grand Lodge

to the City of Columbus, and for and against making said Grand Lodge a moveable body, which has resulted in favor of removal to Columbus, and locating it permanently in that city. Therefore,

Resolved, That the prayer of the majority of the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be granted, and that the charter of said Grand Lodge be so amended that its sessions shall hereafter be held in the city of Columbus.

Rep. Meredith, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "will the Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the Committee on Petitions, page 1626 Journal," which was not agreed to.

Rep. Hunt, of Md., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject of the removal of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be referred to that Grand Lodge, to ascertain the real desire of that Grand Lodge, to be communicated to this G. Lodge at its next communication in Baltimore.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio be allowed to remove from Cincinnati to Columbus in accordance with the request of said Body, and that the charter thereof be altered accordingly.

Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred back to the Grand Lodge of Ohio to determine at her next annual session whether she will hold her sessions in Cincinnati or Columbus.

Rep. Read, of N. J., moved the previous question, which was not seconded by the Lodge.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Clarke, of Ohio. to the resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Md., and upon the vote had, the Lodge being equally divided, the chair voting in the affirmative, determined the amendment of Rep. Clarke adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Md., as amended by the motion of Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, it was adopted.

Rep. Brunet, of Virginia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, in order to supply the demands for the journals.

J. M. H. BRUNET,
GEO. BROWN,
WM. BAYLEY

Resolved, That there be published a new edition of 1,000 copies of the journals of this body, including its proceedings up to the close of the present session; that, previously to the printing of said edition, the present first volume be revised and amended, so as to exclude therefrom all extraneous or irrelevant matter; that a portion of the second volume be added to the first; and the proceedings of the last and present sessions be added to the second volume, in order to make two volumes of 400 pages each; and that the indexes be revised and re-arranged upon a uniform plan.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make the necessary corrections in the first volume, and prepare the indexes; and the present Committee on Printing make

the contract for the execution of that branch of the work, as well as the binding; the proposals to be sent to the chairman, through the Grand Secretary, who shall at as early day as practicable, after the close of the present session, invite proposals by advertising for four successive weeks in one of the newspapers of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Resolved, That this edition of the journals, when completed as above provided, be sold at five dollars for the two volumes; and if it be not sufficient to supply the demand, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to print another edition of the same number of copies.

Rep. Brunet, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that but one proposal has been received for printing the journal of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body. They recommend that the committee be authorized to accept the offer of Bro. James Young, of the City of Baltimore, and enter into a contract for the faithful execution of the work.

J. M. H. BRUNET,
GEORGE BROWN,
WM. BAYLEY

Rep. Clark, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, asking the consent of this body to remove the seat of the Grand Lodge of that State from Peoria to Springfield, beg leave to report the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
B. CONLEY.

Resolved, That the consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States is hereby given to the Grand Lodge of Illinois to remove the seat of the Grand Lodge of that State from Peoria to Springfield, in same State.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1627-8 Journal.

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the articles in the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Camp of N. New York relating to places of meeting be stricken out, and that the Constitutions be adopted, together with the recommendation of the committee regarding certain Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which was not seconded.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts,

Rep. Barnard, of N. New York, moved further to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of N. New York and Grand Encampment of N. New York be approved, except that part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of N. New York which relates to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of S. New York, which shall be amended in accordance with the report of the Committee on Constitutions.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, it was agreed to, and the report of the committee, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Colfax, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for "making the prices of degrees uniform throughout the jurisdiction," respectfully report:

That if any policy has been firmly established by this Grand Lodge, it is that of non-interference in the financial concerns of the several localities. The value of money varies in the several jurisdictions equally with the value of labor, and the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are the best judges of the rates that ought to be charged within their limits for degrees, as well as initiations, dues, &c.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN C. LARUE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to legislate on the subject of uniform price of Degrees.

Rep. Barnard, of N. New York, seconded by Rep. Hunt, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

In Article I strike out the whole Article, and insert as follows: "This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the 'Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,' and possesses such powers and jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as are provided in this Constitution, and none other. All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and cannot legally exist without its sanction. With the consent of any Grand Lodge or Encampment, it may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment—such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled or suspended Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its charter, books and effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Encampment. To it belongs the exclusive power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto; and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Odd Fellowship; and also the exclusive power to publish all books or papers relating to the work of the Order, or any part thereof, and all cards, diplomas and certificates connected with the Order. It has power to establish Lodges or Encampments in States, Districts, Territories and Foreign Countries, where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, and to regulate the intercourse between the Order under its Territorial jurisdiction and the Order in Foreign Countries."

In Article X strike out the words "more than one thousand members, one additional vote," and instead thereof insert as follows: "One thousand members, two votes; five thousand members, three votes; and for each additional five thousand members, one additional vote; but no Grand Body shall be entitled to more than two Representatives. Should the Representatives vote on different sides, the excess of votes, beyond one for each, shall not be counted."

In Article XII, add at the end of the Article as follows: "5th Proceeds of the sale of books, cards, diplomas, odes and certificates.

Assessments to make up deficiencies in the revenue to pay claims, to be assessed upon each Grand Body equally, in proportion to the number of votes such Grand Body shall be entitled to, according to Article X of this Constitution."

Rep. Conley, seconded by Rep. Chester, of Michigan, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Strike out the 8th Article, and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge; provided they be not Representatives."

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, Sep. 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Robert H. Griffin, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of the session of yesterday was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, presented a communication from Rep. Wells, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, informing this body that in consequence of the late freshet on the Schuylkill, and consequent loss of property to himself, he was unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the reports of Committees on Constitution, Mileage and Finance have preference; second, that all amendments to Constitution be presented; third, that the Secretary present all business in order as it appears on the record.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of business, in conformity to the order just adopted.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the report of the Committee on Constitutions, (page 1628 Journal,) approving Constitution of Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

Also, the report of same committee, (page 1628 Journal,) approving Constitution of Fort Smith Camp, No. 3, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

Also, the report of same committee, (page 1628 Journal,) approving of sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, was considered and adopted.

Also, the report of same committee, (page 1629 Journal,) approving certain amendments to the Constitution of Grand Camp of Mississippi, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee have examined the Books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find as follows:

The Grand Secretary has received from September 19, 1849, to September 19, 1850, the following amounts:

For Balances,	- - - - -	\$1,157 84
" Warrants,	- - - - -	270 00
" Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments,	- - - - -	627 28
" Books,	- - - - -	838 71
" Diplomas,	- - - - -	48 00
" Odes,	- - - - -	155 00
" Cards,	- - - - -	1,977 23
" Representative Tax,	- - - - -	1,370 00
" Miscellaneous,	- - - - -	2,229 33
" Assessment Tax,	- - - - -	3,495 75
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Total,	- - - - -	\$12,169 14
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Which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per the receipts of that officer.

The Grand Treasurer had balance on hand, as per report

of last year, - - - - - \$3,041 90

He has received from the G. Secretary the sum of - 12,169 14

\$15,211 04

The Treasurer has paid as follows:

For Officers Salaries,	- - - - -	\$1,900 00
" " Travelling expenses,	- - - - -	542 50
" Portraits,	- - - - -	402 00
" Printing,	- - - - -	2,039 84
" Postage,	- - - - -	150 00
" Binding Books,	- - - - -	137 00
" Interest account,	- - - - -	58 75
" Incidental expenses	- - - - -	278 96
" Discount on uncurrent funds,	- - - - -	9 71
" Cost on suit,	- - - - -	245 62
" Wildey Annuity,	- - - - -	263 19

For Protested Draft, - - - - -	329 00
" Note in Savings' Bank, - - - - -	4,000 00
" Saving Fund, - - - - -	1,500 00
" Per Diem and Mileage, - - - - -	3,124 74
By cash on hand September 17, - - - - -	229 73

Total, - - - - - \$15,211 04

The assets of the Grand Lodge of the United States are as follows.
 Amount loaned to P. G. Sire Wildey, - - - \$8,000 00

Less amount rec'd. form Sub. Lodges last year, 1,113 50

" " " " this " 225 00

1,338 50

Amount of Maryland Stocks, - - - - -	6,661 50
" Ohio Bonds, - - - - -	2,800 00
" Cash in Treasury, - - - - -	6,017 00
" Due from Grand Bodies, - - - - -	229 73
	13,589 81

Total, - - - - - \$29,298 04

The amount loaned to P. G. Sire Wildey is secured by bond and mortgage on real estate.

The committee have examined and approved the following bill:
 J. E. Chamberlain, for expenses, transporting boxes, &c., \$37 76

In conclusion the committee would respectfully offer the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
 WM. CURTIS,
 STEPHEN BROWN.

Resolved, That the sum of nineteen hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of officers salaries, viz: Grand Secretary, \$1,200 00, Grand Treasurer, \$200 00; Grand Messenger, \$500 00; payable quarterly on their own orders, by the Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That the sum of ninety-five dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the following purposes: To James L. Ridgely, for extra expenses, \$50 00 John E. Chamberlain, for extra expenses, \$30 00; Stark R. Reed, Grand Messenger of Grand Lodge of Ohio, for cleaning Hall, \$15 00.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward to each State Grand Body a copy of the resolution in reference to arrearages, adopted by this Grand Lodge, together with a statement of their indebtedness to this Body.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-seven dollars 76 cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of monies expended by the Grand Messenger in transporting boxes, &c. to this city from Baltimore.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on mileage and per diem respectfully report a tabular statement. A few slight errors have been detected in the mileage of the previous report to the adjourned session, which the committee have endeavored to correct. They suggest the adoption of the following resolution.

H. F. ASKEW,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
SCHUYLER COLFAX

Resolved, That the per diem and mileage as set forth in the tabular statement be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid.

NAMES.	Residence.	Miles from Cincinnati.	Date of arrival.	Days of attendance.	Amount of mileage to Cincinnati.	Amount of per diem.	Amount due to G. Rep's and Officers holding seats last session.	Amount due to G. Rep's and Officers holding seats this session only.
MAINE.								
Benjamin M. Flint,....	Calais,.....	1360	Sept. 16,	5	\$81 60	\$15 00	.....	\$178 30
Benjamin Kingsbury,...	Portland,....	1110	" 16,	5	66 60	15 00	.....	145 30
John H. Williams,....	"	1110	" 16,	5	66 60	15 00	.....	145 20
NEW HAMPSHIRE.								
Stephen Brown,.....	Concord,....	1075	" 16,	5	64 50	15 00	\$79 50	
Amos B. Currier,.....	"	1075	" 16,	5	64 50	15 00	79 50	
Frank. R. Chase,.....	Conway,....	1150	" 16,	5	69 00	15 00	.....	163 60
MASSACHUSETTS.								
William Ellison,.....	Boston,....	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	75 00	
Joseph B. Frost,.....	"	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	75 00	
Alfred B. Ely,.....	"	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	.....	135 00
RHODE ISLAND.								
H. A. Manchester,.....	Providence,...	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	75 00	
H. L. Webster,.....	"	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	75 00	
J. M. Wheeler,.....	"	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	.....	135 00
CONNECTICUT.								
Townsend P. Abell,....	Middletown,...	1007	" 16,	5	60 42	15 00	75 42	
James M. Willey,.....	Stonington,...	1025	" 16,	4	61 60	12 00	73 50	
William E. Sanford,....	New Haven,...	987	" 16,	3	59 22	15 00	74 22	
SOUTHERN NEW YORK.								
John A. Kennedy,.....	New York,...	900	" 16,	4	54 00	12 00	.....	120 00
John J. Davies,.....	"	900	" 16,	5	54 00	15 00	69 00	
James W. Hale,.....	"	900	" 16,	5	54 00	15 00	69 00	
NORTHERN NEW YORK.								
W. L. G. Smith,.....	Buffalo,....	470	" 16,	2	28 20	6 00	34 20	
David D. Egan,.....	New York,...	900	" 16,	5	54 00	15 10	69 00	
Theodore A. Ward,....	"	900	" 16,	5	54 00	15 00	.....	123 00
Daniel P. Bernard,....	Brooklyn,...	902	" 16,	3	54 12	15 00	.....	123 24
NEW JERSEY.								
Samuel Read,.....	Mount Holly,...	830	" 16,	5	49 80	15 00	64 80	
Joseph Wood,.....	Trenton,....	430	" 16,	5	49 80	15 00	64 80	
James Nariac,.....	Jersey city,...	900	" 16,	5	54 00	15 00	.....	123 00
PENNSYLVANIA.								
John W. Stokes,.....	Philadelphia,...	500	" 16,	5	45 00	15 00	63 00	
William Curtis,.....	"	500	" 16,	5	45 00	15 00	63 00	
DELAWARE.								
John Fairfax Smith,....	Wilmington,...	772	" 16,	5	46 22	15 00	61 22	
Henry Ford Askew,....	"	772	" 16,	5	46 22	15 00	61 22	
James Stuart,.....	Middleford,...	830	" 16,	5	49 80	15 00	.....	114 60
MARYLAND.								
John W. Hunt,.....	Baltimore,....	700	" 16,	5	42 00	15 00	57 00	
Thomas M. Abbott,....	"	700	" 16,	5	42 00	15 00	.....	90 00
George D. Trumbury,...	"	700	" 16,	5	42 00	15 00	57 00	
William Bayley,.....	"	700	" 16,	5	42 00	15 00	57 00	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.								
William B. Magruder,...	Washington,...	740	" 16,	5	44 40	15 00	59 40	
William F. Bayly,....	"	740	" 16,	5	44 40	15 00	.....	100 00
Frederick D. Stuart,....	"	740	" 16,	5	44 40	15 00	59 40	

NAMES.	Residence.	Miles from Cincinnati.	Date of arrival.	Days of attendance	Amount of mileage to Cincinnati.	Amount of per diem.	Amount due to G. Rep's and Officers holding seats last session.	Amount due to G. Rep's and Officers holding seats this session only.
VIRGINIA.								
James M. H. Brunet,...	Petersburg,...	880	Sept. 16,	5	52 80	15 00	67 80	
GEORGIA.								
Benjamin Conley,.....	Augusta,....	1420	" 16,	5	85 20	15 00	100 20	
M. Woodruff,	Columbus,...	1620	" 16,	5	97 20	15 00	.....	209 40
ALABAMA.								
Robert O. Shaw,.....	Mobile,	1810	" 16,	5	108 60	15 00	123 60	
Samuel Penny,.....	"	1810	" 16,	5	108 60	15 00	.....	232 20
LOUISIANA.								
John C. Larue,	New Orleans	1540	" 16,	5	92 40	15 00	107 40	
William H. Rice,.....	"	1540	" 16,	5	92 40	15 00	107 40	
H. Porter Andrews,....	"	1540	" 16,	5	92 40	15 00	107 40	
ARKANSAS.								
Frederick S. Garritt, ..	Little Rock, ..	1100	" 16,	5	66 00	15 00	81 00	
MISSISSIPPI.								
D. N. Barrows,	Jackson,....	1216	" 16,	5	72 96	15 00	87 96	
William T. Martin,....	Natchez,	1250	" 16,	5	75 00	15 00	.....	165 00
C. T. Vennigerholz,....	"	1250	" 16,	5	75 00	15 00	90 00	
MISSOURI.								
Charles M. Vallean,....	St. Louis,....	400	" 16,	5	24 00	15 00	39 00	
Henry Holmes,.....	"	400	" 16,	5	24 00	15 00	39 00	
John Libby,.....	"	400	" 16,	5	24 00	15 00	39 00	
WISCONSIN.								
Eleazer Wakeley,	White Water	760	" 16,	5	45 60	15 00	60 60	
Herman L. Page,.....	Milwaukee,...	710	" 16,	5	42 60	15 00	.....	106 20
Daniel C. Trippe,.....	White Water	760	" 16,	5	45 60	15 00	.....	106 20
ILLINOIS.								
S. A. Corneau,.....	Springfield,...	400	" 16,	5	24 00	15 00	39 00	
John G. Potts,	Galena,	760	" 16,	5	45 60	15 00	60 60	
G. W. Woodward,.....	"	760	" 18,	3	45 60	9 00	.....	100 20
INDIANA.								
George Brown,.....	Pendleton,...	214	" 16,	5	12 84	15 00	27 84	
Solomon Meredith,....	Cambridge,...	110	" 16,	5	6 60	15 00	.....	28 20
S. Colfax,.....	South Bend, ..	350	" 16,	5	21 00	15 00	36 00	
TENNESSEE.								
Edward G. Steele,.....	Nashville,...	350	" 16,	5	21 00	15 00	36 00	
G. P. Smith,	"	350	" 16,	5	21 00	15 00	.....	57 00
KENTUCKY.								
Ballard Smith,	Louisville,...	150	" 16,	5	9 00	15 00	.....	33 00
Henry C. Pindell,.....	Lexington,...	85	" 18,	3	5 10	9 00	.....	19 20
OHIO.								
Thomas McEwen,	Sandusky city	218	" 16,	5	13 08	15 00	.....	41 16
Horace Y. Bebee,	Ravenna,....	310	" 16,	5	18 60	15 00	.....	52 20
H. N. Clark,	Cincinnati, ..	"	" 16,	5	"	15 00	15 00	
Richard Williams,....	Tiffin,	180	" 16,	5	10 80	15 00	.....	36 60
MICHIGAN.								
John Chester,	Detroit,....	293	" 16,	5	17 58	15 00	.....	30 16
IOWA.								
Josiah H. Bonney,.....	Keosauqua, ..	950	" 19,	2	57 00	6 00	.....	120 00
GRAND OFFICERS.								
R. H. Griffin, G. Sire,...	Savannah,...	1400	" 16,	5	84 00	15 00	99 00	
A. S. Kellogg, D. G. Sire	Detroit,.....	293	" 16,	5	17 58	15 00	32 58	
J. L. Ridgely, G. Sec'y,	Baltimore,...	700	" 16,	"	42 00	.....	42 00	
A. E. Warner, G. Treas.	"	700	" 17,	"	42 00	.....	.....	84 00
E. M. P. Wells, G. Chap	Boston,.....	1000	" 16,	5	60 00	15 00	75 00	
H. A. Crane, G. Marshal	Savannah,...	1400	" 16,	5	84 00	15 00	99 00	
J. E. Chamberlain, G. M	Baltimore,...	700	" 16,	"	42 00	.....	42 00	
S. H. Lewyt, G. Guard.	"	700	" 16,	5	42 00	15 00	57 00	
						\$1,974 00 per diem.	\$3,351 76	\$3,061 76
								\$6,413 72

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, seconded by Rep. M'Ewen, of Ohio, laid on table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Article 11, by striking out the word *third* in second line, and inserting the word *second*.

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, seconded by Rep. Wood, of New Jersey, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

In all elections by ballot, after the second balloting, all names except those of the highest three candidates shall be dropped from the list.

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, seconded by Rep. M'Ewen, of Ohio, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

5th, all sums accruing from sales of books, cards, odes and diplomas.

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, seconded by Rep. Narine, of New Jersey, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The Grand Lodge shall choose a committee of five from among the present or past members of the Body, which shall be called the Judicial Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall rank as officers of this Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear and pass upon all constitutional and legal questions that may arise between this Grand Lodge and any state Grand Lodge or Encampment, or any representative of any state Grand Body.

The Committee shall be chosen at first one for one, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years, and subsequently one shall be chosen each year, for the period of five years. They shall be chosen separately by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast. If there be no election on the second ballot, the names of all candidates except the highest three on the list, shall be dropped.

The Grand Lodge may at any meeting fill any vacancy in this committee.

The Committee shall meet and sit at and during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, when all questions shall be argued before them orally or in writing, and their decisions shall be final, unless reversed by a three-fourth vote of the Grand Lodge.

Any state Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or any Grand Representative, may at any time appeal from any decision of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire, upon any legal or constitutional question, to this committee, and shall be heard.

Members of this committee shall be entitled to speak in Grand Lodge, but not to vote, unless they be representatives.

On motion, the Grand Lodge agreed to consider reports of the Committee on Petitions.

And the question being on the first report of the committee, (page 1613 Journal,) authorising the institution of a Lodge at St. Anthony's Falls, Minnesota, it was adopted.

The second report of the same committee, (next page,) touching a convention of Odd-Fellows, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The third report of the same committee, (same page.) authorizing a Grand Charter for a Grand Lodge at Tallahassee, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of the same committee, page 1614 Journal, confirming charter of Fort Smith Camp, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The fifth report of the same committee, page 1615 Journal, confirming dispensation for Tampa Lodge, No. 7, Florida; Mechanics Lodge, No. 8, Navy Yard, Florida; St. Paul's, No. 2, Minnesota; Peoria Camp, No. 15; and Prairie State Camp, No. 16, Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The sixth report of the same committee, page 1614 Journal, confirming warrant for Arkansas Camp, No. 2, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Corneau, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Petitions, amending the charter of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, so as to locate the sessions of said Grand Lodge at Springfield, page 1644 Journal.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Mississippi, moved to refer the subject to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with power to said Grand Body to change her location, at her next annual communication, according to her constitutional provisions, if she so desired.

Rep. Read, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative: the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the Committee on Petitions?" which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Clark, of Ohio, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Petitions, page 1627 Journal, touching the application of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for power to change the location of said body, and for approbation to certain amendments to her constitution, which being under consideration,

Rep. Davies, of S. New York, asked a division of the question.

The question being on the first resolution reported by the committee, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution,

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the second resolution reported by the Committee on Petitions?" which was agreed to—the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Abbett, Abell, (2 votes,) Andrews of La., Askew. Bayley of Md., (2 votes,) Bonney, Brown of Indiana, (2 votes,) Brown of N. H., Brunet, Chase, Chester, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Currier, Davies, (2 votes,) Ellison, (2 votes,) Ely, Flint, Frost, Hale, (2 votes,) Holmes, Hunt, Kingsbury, Larue, Libby, McEwen. Magruder, (2 votes,) Manchester, Martin. (2 votes,) Page, Penny.

Potts, Rice, Sanford, Smith of Tenn., Smith of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith of Del., Steele, Stewart of Del., Stuart of D. C., Stokes, Valleau, Vennigerholz, Webster, Williams of Me., Wood, Woodruff—58.

NAYS.—Reps. Barnard, (2 votes,) Bebee, Corneau, Curtis, Egan, Narine, Read, Trippe, Wakeley, Ward, Wheeler, Williams of Ohio, Woodward—14.

The question recurring on the report and resolution as a whole, they were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, the Lodge considered the report of the same committee, Journal 1627 authorising the amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia changing the location of the same from Savannah to Macon, which was adopted.

Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred an application for a Grand Camp in Iowa, which was declined by the Grand Officers during the recess of this R. W. Grand Lodge because of the failure of Subordinates to report, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

H. N. CLARK,
J. CHESTER.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers be approved, and the application denied.

Rep. Ellison, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the matter of mileage between Southern and Northern New York, would respectfully submit the following report:

The committee have had presented to them an official statement from the Grand Lodge of S. New York of the number of Lodges which elected on the first of January, A. D. 1850, to unite with the Grand Lodge of N. New York, (said Lodges having formerly been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of S. New York,) and find it to be fifty-five Lodges, with a membership of 3,673; and from a comparison with the report presented to this body from the Grand Lodge of N. New York, we find said account to be correct, and would therefore recommend that the assessment on 3,673 members, charged to the Grand Lodge of S. New York be taken from their account and placed to the account of the Grand Lodge of N. New York: and would offer the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WM. CURTIS,
STEPHEN BROWN.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of N. New York be charged an assessment in the sum of \$229 56-100, it being the amount of said tax on 3,673 members charged to the Grand Lodge of S. New York.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of S. New York be credited with the sum of \$229 56, it being the amount over-charged them as assessment tax.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined and approved the following bills, and recommend that the same be paid, viz:

To Isaac Hefley, for printing daily journal of adjourned
and stated session of this body, - - - \$127 87

To Joseph Jones, for sweeping Grand Lodge room, - 9 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WM. CURTIS,
STEPHEN BROWN.

On motion of Rep. Brunet, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Printing, authorising a contract with James Young for printing revised Journal of the present and late adjourned session, which was adopted.

Also the report of same committee authorising the re-publication and revision of vols. 1 and 2 and 3 of the Journal.

Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the resolutions of the committee as follows, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorised to employ such aid as he may need.

The question recurring on the reported resolutions of the committee, as amended,

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report and accompanying resolutions of the committee, as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have had referred to them sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, which proposes changing the time for the nomination of officers, the holding of "semi-annual" instead of "quarterly sessions," and reducing the charter fee for Subordinate Encampments from "\$100" to "\$50." They recommend their approval by this Grand Lodge.

H. F. ASKEW,
F. S. GARRITT.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, to repeal so much of a section as reads "all regular sessions shall be held in the city of Trenton," beg leave to report that it is *inexpedient* to grant the approval of this Body to such amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ASHEW.
F. S. GARRITT.

On motion of Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 1633 Journal, being the appeal of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, of Maryland, which was adopted.

Also, the report of same committee, page 1634 Journal, being the appeal of P. G. Jacob Levi, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative: the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee in the matter of appeal of P. G. Jacob Levi?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., the Lodge took up the report of the Committee on Appeals, touching the matter of appeal of Concordia Lodge, No. 4, of the State of New Jersey, page 1635 Journal.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative: the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolutions of the committee?" which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Potts, of Ill., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, page 1629 Journal, which was adopted.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiries of Rep. Stuart, of D. of C., report:

That a suspended member arraigned for trial and punishment must be temporarily admitted to his Lodge for the purpose of making his defence, without being restored to his rights of membership.

The committee answer the second question in the affirmative.

J. W. STOKES,
W. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the enquiry of Rep. Askew of Del., as follows:

"A Past Grand may be refused admission to a seat in his Grand Lodge, by a two-third vote of that Lodge, if the Subordinate Lodge over which he presided has refused or neglected to furnish the report, and pay over to the Grand Lodge the per centage which was due for the term during which he presided as Noble Grand."

The committee report that the above rule would conflict with the law, as it is laid down in the Digest, page 43, and therefore is not admissible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
W. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative: the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was agreed to:

Rep. Stokes, of Pa., from the same committee made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., was laid on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the protest and resolutions of the R. W. G. Lodges of Pennsylvania and Maryland and the Grand Encampment of Maryland,

Report, that your committee, feeling the responsibility that all should, who consider that the perpetuity of our time-honored institution is of great value to all that has had the privilege of worshipping at its shrine, and the incalculable benefit it may confer upon thousands yet unborn; its impress can be plainly seen wherever its standard has been firmly fixed; the sharp corners of sectarianism have yielded almost at its first approach, education, the cardinal principle of our Order, has become almost universal, and a higher order of Charity is rapidly developing itself everywhere. In emulation of that charity that Odd-Fellows can so well appreciate, we approach the subject of your reference with a full view of these things before us, and in a matter involving probably the destruction of so grand a superstructure. Let us unite then for its preservation, each one yielding his part to make up the sum total of our difference, and lay it down on the altar of our Order, for our Order's good. The papers referred to use strong and generally respectful language; they may have been unnecessarily alarmed, and had they have been led to suppose that the obnoxious law would have been so speedily repealed, no notice in all probability would have been taken of it.

A crisis then having arisen in our government not anticipated by those who participated in the adoption of the law, the policy of which has been admitted by all to be bad, and its operations generally complained of as exceedingly burthensome.

Under the action which has been had by this Grand Lodge since the reference of these papers, the necessity for an enquiry which would have divided your committee has been removed, and they believe they can now approach the remainder of that question before them, divested of those objectional features, with one opinion.

Laying aside, therefore, the question of its constitutionality, your committee believe that it should be the united policy of this Grand Lodge to carry out its purposes without taxing its Subordinates for the purposes of the accumulation of surplus funds, to remain an idle investment, creating additional duties and responsibility for its officers, and not designed in any manner to further the great objects of our affiliation, and this has been not only a prominent but overpowering objection to the late law, the Order believing it to be an unnecessary burthen at the time, and that its tendency would be to divert from legitimate channels of relief and philanthropic action large sums to swell the already existing idle accumulation of this Grand Body. A conclusion just in itself, and which should be of weight in our deliberations upon this question. Your committee, whilst they believe that this Grand Body should always be possessed of a proper contingent fund at its command, to meet any emergency which might arise under its laws, are fully persuaded that the large accumulations of invested means would tend to embarrass our legislation, and endanger our harmony of action, and to divert our laws from a character of philanthropy to money changing. That the operations of the late assessment law tended to fix and perpetuate a system of this character upon us, there can be no doubt, and that this impression has mainly actuated the individual members of our Order, your committee fully believe. With these views, your committee, deprecating any further agitation of this question than shall be needful to meet what they believe to be the unequivocal expression of opinion and fixed wishes of the Order, are fully impressed with the necessity that this Grand Lodge at an early day should adopt such measures as will meet the views of the great body of our Order upon this matter. Already your Committee on Finance are preparing to submit information which can determine the propriety of our action, and upon which laws may be based at least by the time of our next session, which will be certain to meet the wishes of all, and will serve, as your committee believe, to fix a policy which will promote the best interests of this Body. Whilst your committee believe that a contingent fund of \$3,000 would be ample to meet every possible contingency, they feel also that the members of the State constituencies would always be prompt to meet the occasion to sustain a policy which should be so fixed and moderate, and that at all times the means of renewal would be ready to realize a fund—should unforeseen contingencies arise demanding their contributions. Your committee believe that such a fund, with ordinary fixed sources of revenue, will at all times ensure to this Grand Lodge ample means for carrying out the purposes of its organization.

Your committee believe that measures should be taken as soon as

our certain means can be ascertained, to establish this system, and that to effect it the surplus shall be credited to the State Grand Bodies, in the proportion in which it has been paid into our treasury, so far as that proportion can be determined.

As this result cannot be had at this present communication, your committee would urge that measures be had to secure the prompt consummation of this purpose at an early day of the next communication, so that the Order shall be assured that the result, so in accordance with their views, shall be certainly effected.

In passing to the next subject which comes up in the protest of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, upon the ground that the Grand Lodge of the United States had not the right to hold a session at any other place than the city of Baltimore, Maryland, your committee believe that the views that these R. W. Bodies seem to hold on the subject should be put straight before the Order: they are undoubtedly erroneous, and the history of the Order warrant no such conclusions. In 1824, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, conceiving the importance and propriety of forming a Grand Lodge of the United States, a committee being formed for that purpose, passed resolutions and formed a Constitution, to be submitted to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, which went to fix the seat of government permanently in the city of Baltimore; this feature was objected to by New York, and Pennsylvania absolutely refused to consent, unless the word permanent was first stricken out and present inserted; and you find that on the 25th of September, 1825, after Grand Master Wildey had returned from a visit to these Grand Bodies, for the express purpose of inducing them to accept it, it was unanimously stricken out by Maryland herself, and you will see that at the next meeting Pennsylvania did appear in the person of a representative; so that it is clearly shown when and how the compact was established, and that it only existed in the imagination of Maryland herself.

In the Constitution of 1829 this matter was settled beyond all doubt, the word present at Baltimore being inserted; and again in 1833, when the present Constitution was adopted, it was provided that they should meet at such place as the Grand Lodge should from time to time determine, and this view has until now been quietly acquiesced in by those Grand Bodies, as will be shown by the session held in Philadelphia, 1833, Washington City, January 1834, New York, August 1834, and again in Philadelphia, 1839, at all of which places their representatives were present, without protest.

Respectfully submitted, with the following resolution.

J. W. STOKES,
W. B. MAGRUDER,
H. A. MANCHESTER.

Resolved, That the position assumed by the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, in claiming to be the permanent seat of government of this Grand Lodge, never existed either in law or in fact, and it is perfectly competent for us to meet at such places as we shall from time to time determine.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Finance, touching the "Wilkey loan," page 1633 Journal, which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Larue, of La., the Lodge agreed to consider the majority and minority reports of the Legislative Committee, page 1617-8, Journal, touching honorary degrees for wives and daughters of members of the scarlet degree.

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of Maryland, to adopt the majority report, Rep. Ely, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the majority report of the Legislative Committee?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Martin, of Mississippi, moved to adopt the minority report of the committee; upon which motion, Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the minority report and resolution of the Legislative Committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Larue, of Louisiana, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Legislative Committee, page 1637 Journal, touching the restoration of the three months term, which was adopted.

Also the report of the same committee, page 1645 Journal, touching the proposition to make the price of degrees uniform, which was adopted.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim set up by the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland to the permanent seat of government of this Grand Lodge is unfounded, and is not sustained by law or fact.

Rep. Martin, of Mississippi, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Manchester, of Rhode Island, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary withdraw from the printer the proceedings of this Grand Lodge not already printed: that as soon as may be after the rising of this Grand Lodge, at its present session, the Secretary cause the proceedings of this session to be printed; and ten copies thereof forwarded to each Officer and Representative entitled to receive the same.

Rep. Magruder, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was resolved in the affirmative; the main question was then put, "Will the Lodge

adopt the resolution of Rep. Manchester, of Rhode Island?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Davies, of S. New York, moved the following amendment to the Rules of Order, which was laid on the table:

Amend 37th Rule of Order, to read as follows:

37. The previous question being ordered, shall cut off all further debate, and the Grand Lodge shall then proceed to vote on all amendments pending in their regular order.

Rep. Narine, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in any State, District or Territory, that now are or may hereafter be chartered, shall have the power and privilege to determine at their annual session where the next communication shall be held.

Rep. Clarke, of Ohio, presented the following paper from the Grand Camp of that State, which was ordered to lie on the table:

I. O. O. F.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF OHIO.

Office of Grand Scribe—Cincinnati, February 27th, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Representatives of the

Grand Encampment of Ohio:

Patriarchs:—At an adjourned meeting of the Grand Encampment, held this evening, the following, among other proceedings, were had:

P. P. H. Crane offered the following, which, after discussion, was adopted, and a copy ordered furnished to the Grand Representatives:

"Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to present the following subject for the consideration of that body:

1st. Can a member, having been unanimously expelled in one jurisdiction, be legally or honorably reinstated in another jurisdiction, without the action or consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled?

2d. Can a member from such reinstatement ever become a member in the State or Lodge from which he was expelled, without the further action of the Lodge that expelled him, or by a dispensation from a Supreme Body?

3d. Can a member who has given his note for initiatory fee, or for degrees, and suffers said note to be destroyed as worthless, be considered a member in good standing in the Order?"

I certify the foregoing to be a correct extract from the proceedings.

BENJ. C. TRUE, *Grand Scribe*.

Rep. Hale, of S. New York, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, appointed at the session of 1849 to obtain a portrait of Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass for this Grand Lodge,

respectfully report that the portrait has been painted, and will soon be placed in the office of the Grand Secretary. The accompanying resolution is offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge; and all is respectfully submitted by

JAS. W. HALE,
SAMUEL READ

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be hereby appropriated to defray the expenses for portrait of Past Grand Sire Kneass.

Rep. Holmes, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report to the next session of this Grand Lodge forms of ceremony to be used at the laying of corner stones and at the dedication of Odd Fellows' Halls.

The chair named Rep's Holmes, of Missouri, Smith of Tennessee, and Larue, of Louisiana, as the committee.

Also, Rep's Colfax, of Indiana, Martin, of Mississippi, and Steel, of Tennessee, as the special committee provided for in the resolution of the minority report of the Legislative Committee, to prepare an appropriate Honorary Degree, to be conferred on the wives and daughters of members of the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. Meredith, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the members of the Order in the city of Cincinnati, for their kindness and attention during the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, asked and obtained leave to place upon the Journal the following statement:

"The absence of Rep. Smith Skinner, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is occasioned by the mortal illness and hourly expected death of an interesting and lovely daughter, just budding into womanhood."

The hour having arrived, (1 o'clock,) fixed by resolution for adjournment,

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Bro F. M. P. Wells, addressed the throne of Grace, in earnest thanksgiving for the continued prosperity vouchsafed to our beloved Order, beseeching the further interposition of Almighty power in its behalf, and eloquently invoking the blessings of Heaven upon its membership at large, and the advancement of the cause of humanity throughout the world.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. & R. Secretary.

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JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger,	- - -	Baltimore, Md.

REPRESENTATIVES.*

P. G. M. <i>Thomas M. Abbett,</i>	- - -	Baltimore, Md.
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P. G. M. <i>George H. Andrews,</i>	- - -	New York, N. Y.
P. H. P. H. Porter Andrews,	- - -	New Orleans, La.
P. G. M. H. F. Askew,	- - -	Wilmington, Del.
P. G. <i>William F. Bayly,</i>	- - -	Washington, D. C.
P. G. <i>William Bayley,</i>	- - -	Baltimore, Md.
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P. G. M. D. N. Barrows,	- - -	Jackson, Miss.
P. G. <i>Horace Y. Bebee,</i>	- - -	Ravenna, Ohio.
P. G. <i>Josiah H. Bonney,</i>	- - -	Keosauqua, Iowa.
P. G. George Brown,	- - -	Pendleton, Ind.
P. G. Stephen Brown,	- - -	Concord, N. H.
P. G. James M. H. Brunet,	- - -	Petersburg, Va.
P. G. <i>F. R. Chace,</i>	- - -	Conway, N. H.
P. G. M. <i>John Chester,</i>	- - -	Detroit, Mich.
P. G. P. H. N. Clark,	- - -	Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. H. P. Schuyler Colfax,	- - -	South Bend, Ind.
P. G. B. Conley,	- - -	Augusta, Ga.
P. G. S. A. Corneau,	- - -	Springfield, Ill.
P. C. P. Amos B. Currier,	- - -	Concord, N. H.
G. Sec. <i>William Curtis,</i>	- - -	Philadelphia, Pa.

*Those in italics are members of the next Grand Lodge of the United States.

P. G. John J. Davies, - - - -	New York city.
P. G. M. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, - -	Charleston, S. C.
P. C. P. David D. Egan, - - - -	New York city.
P. G. M. William Ellison, - - - -	Boston, Mass.
P. C. P. <i>A. B. Ely</i> , - - - -	Boston, Mass.
P. G. B. M. Flint, - - - -	Calais, Me.
P. G. M. Benjamin Follett, - - - -	Ypsilanti, Mich.
P. G. Joseph B. Frost, Jr., - - - -	Boston, Mass.
P. G. Sec. Frederick S. Garritt, - - -	Little Rock, Ark.
P. G. S. <i>John A. Gyles</i> , - - - -	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. James W. Hale, - - - -	New York city.
G. M. <i>Henry Holmes</i> , - - - -	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G. John W. Hunt, - - - -	Baltimore, Md.
P. G. Sire <i>John A. Kennedy</i> , - - - -	New York city.
P. G. <i>Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr.</i> , - - -	Portland, Me.
P. G. <i>J. C. Larue</i> , - - - -	New Orleans, La.
G. H. P. John Libby, - - - -	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G. T. C. McEwen, - - - -	Sandusky, Ohio.
P. C. P. W. B. Magruder, - - - -	Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. <i>Horace A. Manchester</i> , - - -	Providence, R. I.
P. G. John H. Manly, - - - -	Raleigh, N. C.
P. G. M. A. K. Marshall, - - - -	Nicholasville, Ky.
P. G. <i>Will. T. Martin</i> , - - - -	Natchez, Miss.
P. G. <i>Solomon Meredith</i> , - - - -	Cambridge, Ind.
P. G. M. <i>James Mitchell</i> , - - - -	Burlington, Vt.
G. Sec. Elijah Morton, - - - -	Nashville, Tenn.
P. G. <i>James Narine</i> , - - - -	Jersey City, N. J.
P. G. M. <i>Herman L. Page</i> , - - - -	Milwaukee, Wis.
P. G. <i>Samuel Penny</i> , - - - -	Mobile, Ala.
P. G. M. W. F. Phillips, - - - -	Warrenton, Va.
P. G. <i>H. C. Pindle</i> , - - - -	Lexington, Ky.
P. G. M. <i>John G. Potts</i> , - - - -	Galena, Ill.
P. G. M. Samuel Read, - - - -	Mount Holly, N. J.
P. G. Wm. H. Rice, - - - -	New Orleans, La.
P. G. P. <i>Wm. E. Sanford</i> , - - - -	New Haven, Conn.
P. G. <i>R. W. Seymour</i> , - - - -	Charleston, S. C.
P. G. M. R. O. Shaw, - - - -	Mobile, Ala.
P. G. <i>Smith Skinner</i> , - - - -	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. M. <i>G. P. Smith</i> , - - - -	Nashville, Tenn.
P. G. M. <i>Ballard Smith</i> , - - - -	Louisville, Ky.
P. G. M. John Fairfax Smith, - - - -	Wilmington, Del.
P. G. Wm. L. G. Smith, - - - -	Buffalo, N. Y.
P. G. P. E. G. Steele, - - - -	Nashville, Tenn.
P. G. <i>James Stewart</i> , - - - -	Middleford, Del.
P. G. M. F. D. Stuart, - - - -	Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. John W. Stokes, - - - -	Philadelphia, Pa.
G. Sec. G. D. Tewksbury, - - - -	Baltimore, Md.
P. D. G. Sire <i>N. A. Thompson</i> , - - -	Boston, Mass.
P. G. <i>D. C. Trippe</i> , - - - -	Whitewater, Wis.

P. G. M. C. M. Valteau, - - -	St. Louis, Mo.
P. G. S. C. Theodore Vennigerholz, - -	Natchez, Miss.
P. G. E. Wakely, - - -	Whitewater, Wis.
P. G. P. <i>David S. Walbridge</i> , - - -	Kalamazoo, Mich.
P. C. P. <i>Theodore A. Ward</i> , - - -	New York, N. Y.
P. C. P. H. L. Webster, - - -	Providence, R. I.
P. G. Wm. A. Wells, - - -	Reading, Pa.
P. G. M. <i>J. M. Wheeler</i> , - - -	Providence, R. I.
P. G. M. <i>Junius M. Willey</i> , - - -	Stonington, Conn.
P. H. P. <i>John H. Williams</i> , - - -	Portland, Me.
P. G. P. <i>Richard Williams</i> , - - -	Tiffin, Ohio.
P. G. Joseph Wood, - - -	Trenton, N. J.
P. G. M. <i>George W. Woodward</i> , - -	Galena, Ill.
P. G. <i>M. Woodruff</i> , - - -	Columbus, Ga.
P. G. <i>Wm. C. Worthington</i> , - - -	Charlestown, Va.

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P. G. M. J. L. RIDGELY, R. W. G. C. & R. Sec'y,	Baltimore, Md.
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" " Zenas B. Glazier, - - -	Wilmington, Del.
" " John A. Kennedy, - - -	New York, N. Y.
" " Howell Hopkins, - - -	Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Thomas Sherlock, - - -	Cincinnati, Ohio.
" " Horn R. Kneass, - - -	Philadelphia, Pa.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1851.

Vermont—Eli Ballou, - - -	Montpelier, Vt.
Florida—John N. Lewis, - - -	Savannah, Ga.
Arkansas—Frederick S. Garritt, - -	Little Rock, Ark.
Minnesota—John G. Potts, - - -	Galena, Illinois.

APPENDIX.

Rep. Narine, of New Jersey, presented the following paper, containing interesting information concerning Odd-Fellowship in California:

Extract of a Letter from a Past Grand of New Jersey, now in California, to the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, dated

SACRAMENTO CITY, California, July 28th, 1850.

"In the absence of general news, perhaps it will not be uninteresting to the Brothers of Iroquois to know something of Odd-Fellowship in California, so I will briefly relate their doings up to this time. Early last fall, as you have already been informed, was very sickly here, and among the number were many Odd-Fellows. In the absence of any regular Lodge, the Brothers called a meeting, which was well attended, and they at once decided to provide some place for the care of their sick. About the same time the Masons held a similar meeting, and by a union of the two societies, they at once purchased a part of what was then Sutter's fort, at a cost of purchase and fitting up of \$30,000. Two of our most skilful physicians were selected, and a board of trustees were appointed, and the building was opened for the sick of the two societies, with divine service every sabbath. The necessary expense attending all this has been great, and the burthen, so far, on a few. Of late, however, it has fast grown into favor. They have had two volunteer benefits; one at the theatre and one at the circus; which have netted about \$2,500; besides, they have administered to many of the city patients, for which the councilmen have agreed to pay \$6,000. This amount will greatly relieve the drafts on the treasury; and it is hoped soon to see it entirely free from debt, and will soon become, if not already, the best institution in all California. There has been admitted nearly 600 patients, a number of whom have died; and while we deeply sympathize with the friends of those who have died, so far separated from families and homes, we have the consolation to know that while our holy men were unceasing in their petitions to the Throne of Grace in their behalf, they were attended by friends; yes! more than friends, who watched and administered to their wants until the last spark had left."



Wm. L. Moore



Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1851.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15, 1851—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States convened this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following were present:

OFFICERS.

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, - - -	M. W. G. Sire.
ASHER S. KELLOGG, - - -	R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY, - - -	R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER, - - -	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, - - -	R. W. G. Chaplain.
H. A. CRANE, - - - - -	R. W. G. Marshal.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, - -	W. G. Messenger.
S. H. LEWYT, - - - - -	W. G. Guardian.

And Representatives from seventeen Grand Lodges and nine Grand Encampments.

The Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and reported them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Ely, of Mass., Meredith, of Ind., and Woodruff, of Ga.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Representatives elect, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives as in form and duly authenticated, and that the Representatives named are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Joshua Vansant,	-	-	-	Maryland.
P. G. M. Samuel Wells,	}	-	-	Massachusetts.
P. G. <i>Philip K. Hills,</i>		-	-	
P. G. R. James W. Hale,	}	-	-	Southern New York.
P. G. <i>John G. Clayton,</i>		-	-	
P. G. Henry F. Anners,	-	-	-	Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart,	-	-	-	District of Columbia.
P. G. William H. Gear,	-	-	-	Delaware.
P. G. William Chidsey,	-	-	-	Ohio.
P. G. G. W. Shaw,	}	-	-	Louisiana.
P. G. M. <i>John Crickard,</i>		-	-	
P. G. Joseph N. Taylor,	-	-	-	New Jersey.
P. G. M. Israel Robinson,	-	-	-	Virginia.
P. G. P. A. Hackleman,	-	-	-	Indiana.
P. G. <i>E. R. Woodward,</i>	}	-	-	Missouri.
P. G. Luther Perkins,		-	-	
P. G. M. <i>Geo. S. Sandford,</i>	}	-	-	Connecticut.
P. G. M. Lloyd E. Baldwin,		-	-	
P. G. W. S. Munday,	-	-	-	Tennessee.
P. G. M. Oscar Farish,	-	-	-	Texas.
P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure,	-	-	-	South Carolina.
P. G. Charles R. Hansford,	-	-	-	Alabama.
P. G. John Winslow,	}	-	-	North Carolina.
P. G. <i>John N. Washington,</i>		-	-	
P. G. Benjamin Conley,	-	-	-	Georgia.
P. G. Nathan Emerson,	-	-	-	Maine.
P. G. M. Horace Manchester,	-	-	-	Rhode Island.
P. G. Stephen H. Simes,	-	-	-	New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg,	-	-	-	Michigan.
P. G. <i>A. G. Langworthy,</i>	}	-	-	Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Henry B. Hinsdale,		-	-	
P. G. M. <i>James Mitchell,</i>	-	-	-	Vermont.
P. G. Thomas Hardie,	-	-	-	Iowa.
P. G. Edgar C. Dibble,	-	-	-	Northern New York.
P. G. M. D. Papy,	-	-	-	Florida.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Richard Marley,	-	-	-	Maryland.
P. G. M. William Ellison,	-	-	-	Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Wilson Small,	-	-	-	Southern New York.
P. G. John Alex. Simpson,	-	-	-	Pennsylvania.
P. G. William B. Magruder,	-	-	-	District of Columbia.
P. G. M. H. F. Askew,	-	-	-	Delaware.
P. C. P. <i>Thomas J. McLain,</i>	}	-	-	Ohio.
P. C. P. Wm. G. Williams,		-	-	

P. C. P. J. O. Nixon,	-	-	Louisiana.
P. G. H. P. James M. Cassady,	-	-	New Jersey.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson,	}		Virginia.
P. G. M. <i>Edward H. Fitzhugh,</i>			
P. H. P. Schuyler Colfax,	-	-	Indiana.
P. G. C. Theodore Vennigerholz,	-	-	Mississippi.
P. C. P. W. H. Remington,	-	-	Missouri.
P. G. Elijah Morton,	-	-	Tennessee.
P. G. P. W. E. Jennings,	-	-	Alabama.
P. G. M. James Wood,	-	-	Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter,	-	-	New Hampshire.
P. G. <i>John Winder,</i>	-	-	Michigan.
P. G. Edward S. Kempton,	-	-	Georgia.
P. G. Roland F. Russell,	-	-	Northern New York.
P. C. P. R. W. Seymour,	-	-	South Carolina.

The committee find in their hands a certificate of the appointment of P. G. Edward C. Webster as Representative to this Grand Lodge from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, under the signature of the officers and seal of the lodge. It is herewith submitted to the Grand Lodge for their consideration.

A. B. ELY,
M. WOODRUFF,
S. MEREDITH.

[Members names in italics elected for this session only.]

The Journal of the last session being in progress of reading, on motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., its further reading was dispensed with.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved unanimously, That Past Grand Edward A. Webster, of Honolulu, be admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge as visitor, in consideration of his having been appointed or elected a delegate of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in that region of the world.

Pursuant to the order of installation of Grand Officers, adopted at September session, 1849, the Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

The Grand Sire announced the following as the form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

The Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy.

The D. G. Sire elect will be presented by P. G. Masters Askew of Del., and Ellison, of Mass.

The G. C. and R. Secretary elect, by P. G. M. Marley, of Md. and P. G. M. DeSausure, of S. C.

The Grand Treasurer elect, by P. G. M. S. Smith, of Tennessee, and P. G. M. Manchester, of R. I.

P. D. G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, of the District of Columbia, Grand Sire elect, being now presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy at the foot of the chair, was qualified by the M. W. G. Sire, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. H. L. Page, of Wisconsin, Deputy Grand Sire elect, was then presented by P. G. M. Askew, of Del., and P. G. M. Ellison, of Mass., and qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md., Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, was then presented by P. G. M. DeSaussure, of S. C., and P. G. M. Marley, of Md., and qualified by the Grand Sire, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, Grand Treasurer elect, was then presented by P. G. M. Smith, of Tenn., and P. G. M. Manchester, of R. Island, and qualified by the Grand Sire, and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Sire elect, Bro. Wm. W. Moore, the nominated the following Grand Officers:

P. G. M. Junius M. Willey, of Conn., R. W. G. Chaplain;
P. G. M. Jno. Sessford, of D. of Col., R. W. Grand Marshal;
P. G. Jno. E. Chamberlain, of Md., W. G. Messenger;
P. G. S. H. Lewyt, of Md., W. G. Guardian.

These officers having been severally confirmed by the Grand Lodge as required by the constitution, were presented by the Grand Marshal, qualified, and conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire, ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, then submitted his final report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

BROTHERS: The constitutional interval between your regular communications has again elapsed, and you are assembled once more in the familiar dwelling place of the supreme authority of Odd Fellowship, to take counsel together for the purpose of sustaining and advancing the interests of our beloved institution. It has been the good fortune of my predecessors for many years past, as it was also mine, when we were last together, to announce to you the increasing prosperity and onward progress of our Order. I rejoice that I am permitted yet another time to congratulate you on the prosperous condition of your affairs. The details of the work done by the Order during the last twelve months will be exhibited to you in the usual form by the R. W. Grand Secretary, in his regular report. An examination of that paper will satisfy you that we have not yet reached our culminating point. Although in some particular portions of our dominion there appears to be a temporary cessation in the march of the fraternity, yet even there the vantage grounds are maintained, and Odd Fellowship is only breathing between victories. But when you embrace in one comprehensive glance the whole domain which you have from time to time, acquired, you find the most encouraging signs of regular and constant advancement. One generation ago a prophet's eye might have pierced the dark and heavy folds of the curtain which separated the pioneers of the Order from the days in which we live; but a prophet's voice revealing, in the glow of inspiration, the unacted history of that intervening time, would have fallen upon mocking ears. From the pinnacle on which we stand, the retreating shadows of the events which prophecy would have predicted are dimly visible. The bubbling spring has expanded into the rushing river. The pigmy company has swollen into the giant army. The bending sapling has flourished into the anchored oak. The rough foundation stones proudly bear up the towering marble. The humble instrumentality of man has been used, my brothers, to bring about the splen-

did results upon which you look with such admiring affection. But it becomes us always, and more especially on these occasions of solemn reunion, to lay the tribute of our fervent gratitude at the foot of that throne, whose Almighty occupant has nourished our weakness into strength, and suffered us from such small beginnings to increase into so great a community. And with our thank offerings let us send up to our great and good father our earnest petitions, gushing warm from the heart, that his protecting arm may never be withdrawn, but that in his all-wise counsels it may be ordained that our beloved Order shall go on, from good work to good work, prospering and to prosper.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I announce to you that since your last communication the peace of the order has remained unbroken. The disturbing causes which have occasionally threatened dangerous convulsions, seem to have passed away, or to have lost their potency; and we may now rejoice in the contemplation of the most grateful of all spectacles, the spectacle of a vast band of brothers "dwelling together in unity."

Among the important subjects to which your attention will be directed during your present communication, perhaps the most important will be the ordering your financial system upon a proper, just, and permanent basis. At the session of 1849 the new plan of compensating the members of your body out of the general treasury was adopted, and the means were provided for, by ordering an assessment on the several local grand bodies to be levied in due proportions. This wide deviation from the previous, and apparently settled policy of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was received with disapprobation by the local grand bodies, and it is presumable by the constituencies which they represented. The disapprobation assumed a shape which, to my judgment, appeared to be clearly at war with the recognized rights of the national head of the Order, and the correlative duties of the local grand bodies. A very large proportion of the assessment remained unpaid at the commencement of the regular communication of 1850, and I felt constrained, in my annual report then presented, to recommend that the Grand Lodge of the United States should, then and there, adopt proper measures to vindicate the authority of her laws. But at the same time that I urged this action, I did not hesitate to express my entire dissent from the expediency either of enacting or continuing in force the law which was in question. It gave me great satisfaction to discover that the Grand Lodge of the United States accorded with me in sentiment, and that while she repealed the offensive law, she exacted the payment of the debts which had accrued thereunder. But it gives me infinitely more satisfaction to announce to you that the grand bodies which were in default have resumed their allegiance, either by paying the amounts respectively due by them, or by ordering payment to be made so soon as their treasuries can respond, though the payment, or order for payment, is, in several instances, hampered, and its merit distracted from, by an unnecessary protest. No member of the Order can be less disposed than I am to encroach upon the rights of the local grand bodies, whose representatives form this assemblage, or upon the rights of those wide spread constituencies, the masses of the Order, the breath of whose nostrils the local grand bodies are. My prayer is for peace, and it, in the retirement to which I am about to be ushered, one disturbing thought connected with my service on the floor or in the chair of this exalted body shall intrude itself, that thought will be that I may have allowed my aspirations after the peace and harmony of the order to crowd too much the throne of my judgment. But while I have ever been willing to assign to the local grand bodies at least their due importance to

the system of Odd-Fellowship, I have endeavored to watch with a steady eye over the rights and powers of the national body. Without the Grand Lodge of the United States, my reading of our history teaches me, the Order might have attained comparative importance, but never could have reached its present commanding eminence. Blot from our polity the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to Odd-Fellowship "chaos would come again." The continuance of our prosperity, and as I verily believe, the existence of Odd-Fellowship in very many sections where it now flourishes, depends upon the proper keeping up of that regular and due subordination of individual members to working Lodges, of working Lodges to local Grand Lodges, and of local Grand Lodges to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which is impressed upon every page of our records. Therefore it is, my brothers, that I rejoice "beyond a common joy" in being able to announce to you that no local grand body continues recusant against the law of 1849.

The effect of the non-payment of the assessment was disastrous in the extreme to your treasury. The Grand Lodge of the United States had assumed the obligation of defraying the expenses of Representatives, and it was not for her to shrink from the emergency. The treasury was equal only to a fraction of the demand. The Grand Lodge, true to herself and to the law, authorized the Grand Sire to sell her property. Under this authority I disposed of bonds of the State of Ohio to the amount of six thousand dollars, and the sale, being made upon the spur of the occasion, necessarily involved a sacrifice. Thus, in a single day, by the unwarranted delays of local Grand Bodies, the accumulated savings of many years were scattered, and the Grand Lodge of the United States from a position of proud independence was reduced to the verge of insolvency. The assessment law being repealed, it became the duty of the Finance Committee to devise other ways and means for the payment of Representative expenses in future. In the brief period allotted to them, that committee labored diligently, and their scheme when presented promised to be successful. One portion of it, the increase of the per capita tax on Representatives, was necessarily prospective, and could not apply to the present communication, but there was reason to hope that the sale of supplies at the increased prices would furnish an amount sufficient for the wants of the treasury at this time, and that the amounts due under the assessment law, when paid, might be applied to the replacement of the investment which had been sacrificed. This hope has proved entirely fallacious. All the moneys which have come in from supplies and in payment of the assessment, will be required to meet the demands on the treasury, and unless the outstanding dues shall come in before the close of the present communication, we may be forced to sell the last remnant of our property, except that which is invested in the incumbrances on P. G. Sire Wilkey's estate. It is therefore absolutely necessary for you to consider carefully and seriously your financial condition and prospects. I am no advocate of a redundant treasury for this body. It is not my desire to see a vast property accumulated here to become the source of contention and the sport of factions. But I do earnestly believe that your financial policy should be such as to allow scope and room enough for the gradual deposite of a fund which, in times of emergency, similar to the communication of 1850, may protect you against the danger and disgrace of bankruptcy. Careful reflection has convinced me that the old arrangement for the payment of Representatives by the bodies from which they came, was peculiarly suited to our polity. The change has been unfortunate in every particular, and when you shall consider the question of your finances, I respectfully invite your special attention to the propriety of returning to the former plan.

In this connexion your attention is invited to the fourth resolution reported by the Committee on Finance at the last communication, and amended and adopted by the Grand Lodge. Under the stringent provisions of this law, no Representative can occupy a seat at this communication whose constituent Grand Body has not paid all her debts to this Grand Lodge. I sincerely trust that there will be no claimant of a representative seat obnoxious to the penalties of this law.

In the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary you will find the customary abstracts from our foreign and domestic correspondence. It is to be regretted that no communications have been received from our brethren in British North America. During the period of my incumbency, it has seemed to me improper, considering the condition of our finances, to accredit a representative to the R. W. G. L. of that jurisdiction; but it was my intention to have visited in person. In this I was disappointed by unexpected occurrences, which detained me at my residence until the proper time for the proposed visit had passed.

It will be remembered that at the communication of 1848, in answer to a petition from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, a resolution was adopted instructing the Grand Corresponding Secretary to issue "a circular to all the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments within this jurisdiction, through the State Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, soliciting contributions for the purpose of erecting an Odd-Fellows' Hall in Honolulu." To this appeal nine Lodges only responded in the year 1848-9, and the total amount of their contributions was seventy five dollars. At the communication of 1849 a resolution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, favoring a donation out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge for the above purpose, was presented by one of her representatives, and on his motion referred to the Committee on Finance. The committee reported that in their opinion it was "inexpedient to grant a special donation from the Treasury of this Grand Lodge for the specified purpose," but they most respectfully and earnestly urged upon the Order generally a favorable response to the spirit of the resolution adopted at the communication of 1848. This report, after lying on the table for a day, under the new rule, was adopted. The only result was the contribution of \$58.45, by the Lodges in Mississippi, in the year 1849-50. No contributions in aid of this fund have been since received. The total stands, therefore, at one hundred and thirty-three dollars and forty-five cents, (\$133.45,) a sum, it is hardly necessary for me to add, miserably inadequate to accomplish the desired end. Among the letters which will be exhibited to the Committee on Correspondence, will be found two from this distant Lodge. In spite of adversities and uninterrupted embarrassments, these faithful brethren have continued their unaided labors. They are conquering for themselves a position. Their own strong souls have sufficed, thus far, to sustain them in the struggle, not only against the difficulties incident to their residence so many thousand miles away from the usual seat of the general government of the Order, but against the bitter apprehension that their more favored brethren are indifferent to their fate. But the cry again comes up from these "islands of the sea." This missionary Lodge, looking out upon that waste of waters where so many of our brethren pursue their dangerous vocation, sends up once more her supplication for relief. If the true fire from Heaven be yet alive upon the altars of Odd Fellowship, you will devise some scheme more acceptable to the masses of the Order, by which these half forgotten brethren shall be reassured that our friendship and our love are something more than names, and that our truth is in deed imperishable.

For other information touching the Order, within and without the ter-

ritorial jurisdiction of the United States, I beg leave to refer you to the Grand Secretary's report.

I desire to attract your especial attention to the Wildey Fund and Annuity. At the communication of 1848, by a vote approaching near to unanimity, the Grand Lodge of the United States determined to relieve our venerable founder from embarrassments, the result neither of imprudence nor carelessness, but of misfortunes, which had broken his health, and were threatening even his life. The case required immediate action. The machinery of the law was in motion—the sheriff was at his very door. In this state of affairs, the Grand Lodge of the United States felt herself justified in *advancing* the amount necessary to relieve the father of American Odd Fellowship, in the confident expectation that the Order at large would gladly avail themselves of so good an opportunity to evince their gratitude, by sending up, in golden tides, an amount sufficient to disencumber his property, and by solemnly dedicating a yearly sum sufficient for his comfortable maintenance in the decline of his life. It never was contemplated—it was not deemed proper—that the Grand Lodge of the United States should make an absolute donation of the required amount, and therefore it was that formal assignments of all the claims against Mr. Wildey's estate were taken. The appeal was made to the great heart of the Order. Contrary to all expectations, it met a freezing reception. Whence this arose, whether from defects in the plan itself, or from extraneous circumstances, it would not profit us here to inquire. Suffice it to say, the experiment has proved a failure. In the Grand Secretary's Report, submitted in 1849, he acknowledges the receipt of one thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty cents, contributed to the "Wildey Fund," and one hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety cents to the "Wildey Annuity." In 1850 the same officer acknowledges the receipt of two hundred and twenty-five dollars towards the "fund," and one hundred and fifty-one dollars towards the "annuity." The report to be presented to you at your present communication will exhibit a contribution of one hundred and twenty-two dollars to the "fund," and one hundred and eighty-four dollars to the "annuity." The total amount of the fund is therefore one thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty cents, (\$1,466 50,) which has been credited against the original indebtedness of eight thousand dollars, (\$8,000.) The total amount received for the annuity is four hundred and twenty-one dollars and ninety cents, (\$421 90,) which has been paid over, pursuant to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, to P. G. Sire Wildey. And this is all that the Order has done, in this cause, in three long years. The honorable object which the Grand Lodge of 1848 had in view has been defeated by this unlooked for lukewarmness on the part of the fraternity. That object, as the proceedings show upon their face, was not only to bring about the redemption of his estate from the claims of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but to afford him the comforts of an easy life for the remainder of his days. The Grand Lodge of the United States, in the general judgment of her members, went as far as it was proper for her to go, in remitting all claim for interest on her advance, and in allowing P. G. Sire Wildey to receive the rents and profits of the property, without accounting to her treasury therefor. But this income is a pittance unequal to his absolute necessities. The annuity, small at first, and annually dwindling, has afforded him no substantial assistance. In his old age, he is once more "naked to his enemies," want and distress. My brothers, this should not be. For very pride we should not allow this state of things to continue longer. This venerable man has spent his life in our service. He has labored for Odd-Fellowship in season and out of season. He has worn out his strength in bearing burdens for us. No

stately monument, rising above his ruins, no swelling anthems over his inanimate dust, no labored recitation, by posthumous paenegyric, of his self-denying labors, his unhesitating sacrifices, his noble deeds of charity, will bring back to the children of his love, when he is gone, this golden opportunity to show their gratitude. In him we behold personified the early history of our beloved fraternity. Around him cluster all those recollections which, with each passing year, gather to themselves more and more of that melancholy interest which clings to far gone times. His pilgrimage here cannot be much longer protracted. Will not his children smooth his downward path? I pray you to give this subject your attention, my brothers. Examine it by the bright light of our exalted principles. Search out the errors in your former action, and sound, if you can, once more the great deep of the Order. Let not our records carry down to an indignant future the proof that he whom we have solemnly acknowledged as the founder and father of American Odd-Fellowship, was suffered, in the dim twilight of his life, to grope his way, uncomforted, to the grave.

Representatives, the term for which I was elected to the distinguished station of the chief executive officer of our order is now almost complete. Yet a few sands to fall and this post of honorable duty, which has known me so long, shall know me no more. The serried ranks of the fraternity, from which, some five years gone, I was called to begin my labors in this body, will open to receive me back. Within those years have been crowded evidences of the esteem and confidence of this dignified assemblage, which have reduced my heart to perpetual bondage. I cannot look back upon the days and nights which I have spent in these halls without emotions of that deep seated pleasure which partakes the character of pain. Familiar faces, from accustomed seats, smile up to me now, as long ago they smiled, but, when I turn my eyes elsewhere, I look in vain for the forms of others who were my constant yoke fellows in the field of labor. Death has been sparing in his blows, but the shifting scenes of life have broken up our fair fellowship. These are the only memories of sorrow which stir my soul on this occasion. I have probed my heart to discover any traces of those austere feelings which service in such bodies so often engenders, and I thank God I have probed in vain. I put off the harness of office with my heart brimming full of friendship for all whom I have ever met under the shadow of this great tent, and overflowing with gratitude to this exalted body for the confidence it has so often manifested, and the honors it has so plentifully bestowed. And in the portion of my life which is yet to come, be that portion long or short, my aspirations for the prosperity and increasing usefulness of my well beloved Order shall ascend in unbroken succession to that Eternal Source whence we have borrowed the great principles of our brotherhood.

I cannot take leave of you without a few words of fraternal counsel. The times in which we act are times of restless motion. The age to which we belong is the transition age. The foundations of society are heaving upwards. Science is peopling the earth with new creations. Art is disinterring her old renown. Grim antiquity is giving up its buried lore. The fair features of the youthful present are wrinkling with struggles to bring back all the conquests of the ancient past. The old law of progress has been re-enacted, and is sweeping the world. The glorious contagion you yourselves have caught, my brothers. Your honorable ambition stimulates you to advance, farther and yet farther, the standard of our Order. God speed you in the good work! But, I beseech you, "make haste slowly." Make your fires glow with seven fold heat, and submit all proffered gold to the fierce trial of the crucible. Remember in your heart of hearts that all changes are not reforms, and that all movement is not progress. Chain down with adamant that portion of your legacy which has passed the ordeal. Scatter to the winds whatever your judgment, deliberately, yes, even painfully matured, shall report to you as worthless.

But, in all coming time, guard well those great features of our time-consecrated institution which have preserved their beauty and integrity, through all mutations of circumstance and fortune. And, as the parting admonition of one whose counsels derive importance chiefly from the position which you have assigned to their author, but in the solemn language of the inspired king, I charge you, "Remove not the ancient landmarks which your fathers have set."

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN.

The final report of the Grand Sire having been read, he proclaimed the ceremony of installation closed, and the officers elect duly inducted into their respective offices in *ample form*, whereupon

WM. W. MOORE, the M. W. G. Sire, was conducted to the Chair by the retiring Grand Sire, and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

BROTHERS: The first impulse of my heart on entering upon the duties of the high station to which your favor has called me, is to express, though it be done in language very feeble compared with the sincerity with which it is uttered, the profound sense of obligation with which I am impressed by the distinction thus conferred.—From a want of recent practice in the exercise of the functions of a presiding officer, I sensibly feel that I shall require, as I am sure I shall receive, much indulgence at your hands, especially in the discharge of the duties of this chair, during the dispatch of the mass of business which is necessarily pressed upon our very brief sessions. For any deficiency in this or any other respect, I bespeak your kindest indulgence, assuring you at the same time that I shall endeavor to discharge all the duties committed to me with integrity and impartiality.

Neither law nor precedent would justify me, at this moment, in suggesting any measure for your consideration. The annual report of my immediate predecessor, together with those of his associates in the executive department, will afford a clear and comprehensive view of the existing condition of the Order, as well as indicate its present wants, so far as they may have become manifest by experience in the administrative duties of those officers. On the facts and intimations thus laid before you, it will be your province to base appropriate legislation, and my duty cordially to second every effort that shall be promotive of the interests of the Fraternity. The Representatives, however, should constantly bear in remembrance the important fact, that into their keeping is mainly committed the preservation of the character of this body for dignity and decorum in its proceedings; and, also, that on them exclusively devolves the enactment of our laws. For every act which, in its operation, shall exert a beneficial influence, they alone will be entitled to the credit; whilst, on the other hand, they will incur all the responsibility for such as may prove unpopular or prejudicial in their effects. That you will perform your duties with a careful regard for the present welfare and permanent prosperity of an institution that is endeared to us all for its healthful morality and beneficent deeds, the Order has the fullest assurance in the experience of the past, which has abundantly attested the wisdom and fidelity of your acts.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due to P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin, for his efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Sire for the past two years, and for the able, impartial, urbane, and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during its sessions.

Resolved further, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, to present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin, a diploma embodying on the face thereof the foregoing resolution, duly attested with the seal of the Grand Lodge, and the signatures of the Grand Officers.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to procure for the Grand Lodge a portrait of Past Grand Sire Robert H. Griffin.

The Chair named as the committee Reps. Ellison, Small, and Cassidy.

On motion of Rep. Meredith, of Ind., the Report of the Grand Sire was referred to a committee, for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein contained to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. Meredith, Kennedy, and Skinner as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., 2000 copies of the Report of the late Grand Sire were ordered to be printed for distribution.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., that 1000 copies of the Daily Journal be printed—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution by striking out 1000 and insert 1500, which was not agreed to.

The question then recurring on the resolution of Rep. Ellison of Mass. to print 1000 copies, it was agreed to.

Rep. Ellison of Mass. moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge meet daily at 9 A. M. and adjourn at 3½ P. M.

Rep. Conley, of Ga. moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, presented at the last session, be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and for every day thereafter until disposed of, and that the same be taken up in the order of the several articles of the Constitution, and all amendments to each article be considered in such order.

Rep. Ellison of Mass. moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of last session.

The Chair named Reps. Ellison of Mass., Stuart of D. of Col., and Papy of Florida.

Rep. Askew of Del. moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to cause 2000 copies of the Grand Sire's inaugural address to be printed for distribution.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Committees:

On the State of the Order.—Reps. DeSaussure, of S. C., Small, of North. N. Y., Colfax, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Washington, of N. C., Conley, of Georgia, Dibble, of N. N. York.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Smith, of Tenn., E. C. Robinson, of Va., Manchester, of R. I.

On Finance.—Reps. Chester, of Michigan, Curtis, of Penn., Crickard, of Louisiana.

On Appeals.—Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Barnard, of N. N. York, Kellogg, of Michigan.

On Constitutions.—Reps. Askew, of Delaware, Vennigerholz, of Miss., Chidsey, of Ohio

On Petitions.—Reps. Marley, of Md., Pindell, of Ky., Ely, of Mass.

On Returns.—Reps. Chase, of N. H., Remington, of Mo., Winslow, of N. C.

On Grand Bodies not represented.—Reps. Potts, of Ill., Williams, of Maine, Mitchell, of Vt.

On Printing.—Reps. Narine, of N. Jersey, Bayley of Maryland, G. E. Sandford, of Conn.

Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hale, of N. Y., Penny, of Ala., Hinsdale, of Wis.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., the Lodge agreed to take a recess until 1 o'clock.

ONE O'CLOCK P. M

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to the order of recess.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, as follows.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The twenty-sixth annual return of the period of session of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States imposes upon the undersigned, in obedience to the law regulating the office of Corresponding Secretary, the duty of presenting a detailed report of the operations of that office during the fiscal year which terminated on the 30th June, 1851. At no time since the undersigned has had the honor of occupying the office has he had greater pleasure in presenting his Annual Report, in view of the universal harmony and general prosperity which prevails throughout the jurisdiction, the evidence of which will abundantly appear from the details herewith submitted. The subjoined resolutions of the Adjourned Session of 1849, and of the Annual Session of 1850, define the several duties charged upon the Corresponding Secretary during the recess :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish the Officers and Grand Representatives drafts on the Treasurer for the amount ordered to be paid to them respectively for per diem and mileage at this adjourned session, and in case there be a deficiency of funds in the Treasury to pay the amount of said certificates, that the Grand Treasurer dispose of a sufficient amount of the stocks belonging to this body to pay the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to require cash payments for all orders from State Grand Lodges and State Grand Encampments for books, odes, diplomas, cards, &c.; and that no Representative from State Grand Bodies shall be allowed or permitted to occupy a seat as a Representative upon this floor on and after the present Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not first paid all amounts due by said Grand Lodge to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to forward to each State Grand Body a copy of the resolution in reference to arrearages, adopted by this Grand Lodge, together with a statement of their indebtedness to this Body.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure such supplies, by contract, from time to time, as the wants of the Order may require.

Resolved, That there be published a new edition of 1,000 copies of the Journals of this body, including its proceedings up to the close of the present session; that, previously to the printing of said edition, the present first volume be revised and amended, so as to exclude therefrom all extraneous or irrelevant matter; that a portion of the second volume be added to the first; and the proceedings of the last and present sessions be added to the second volume, in order to make two volumes of 800 pages each; and that the indexes be revised and re-arranged upon a uniform plan.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make the necessary corrections in the first volume, and prepare the indexes; and the present Committee on Printing make the contract for the execution of that branch of the work, as well as the binding, the proposals to be sent to the chairman, through the Grand Secretary, who shall, at as early day as practicable after the close of the present session, invite proposals by advertising for four successive weeks in one of the newspapers of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Resolved, That this edition of the Journals, when completed as above provided, be sold at five dollars for the two volumes; and if it be not sufficient to supply the demand, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to print another edition of the same number of copies.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to employ such aid as he may need.

Resolved, That the Secretary withdraw from the printer the proceedings of this Grand Lodge not already printed: that as soon as may be after the rising of this Grand Lodge, at its present session, the Secretary cause the proceedings of this session to be printed; and ten copies thereof forwarded to each Officer and Representative entitled to receive the same.

The first and second resolutions have been literally complied with, and the further report of the undersigned, together with that of the Grand Sire, will indicate the precise amount disbursed under the directions of the second resolution, and the amount of the Stocks of the Grand Lodge which it became necessary to dispose of, to enable the Treasurer to meet the demand for the per diem and mileage of the Adjourned Session of 1849 and of the Annual Session of 1850. In obedience to the third resolution, the undersigned has invariably required cash payments for all supplies ordered during the past year, except in extreme cases, where Grand Officers have assured me that payment would be made so soon as their respective Grand Bodies assembled and ordered such payments. This exception was rendered unavoidable from the urgent necessity for the supplies, and

the absence of power in the Grand Officers to draw from their respective Treasuries without specific appropriations. In all such cases, however, payment will doubtless be made before or during your session. With a view to put all the Grand Bodies in possession of the law on the subject, and of the penalty imposed for a continuance of arrearage, he transmitted, in obedience to the requisition of the fourth resolution, a circular letter to each State Grand Body, immediately after the close of the last session, containing a copy of the third resolution, together with a detailed statement of their respective accounts with the Grand Lodge of the United States; a copy of which is herewith submitted, (Doc. B.)

It is a source of great pleasure to report that most if not all of the State Grand Bodies which withheld at the last session payment of the assessment levied under the per diem and mileage law, upon the ground of its unconstitutionality, have, although under protest, made payment into the Treasury of the respective sums due by them. It is much to be regretted that this conformity to the law was thus long deferred, since the delay has produced no other practical result than the forced sale of valuable stocks, belonging to the Order at large, to meet the embarrassment in which the Grand Lodge was involved at the last session, for want of these funds to discharge the mileage and per diem due to the Grand Representatives. The loss always incident to forced sales was peculiarly heavy, on the sale of the Ohio six per cent. stock disposed of by the Grand Lodge to meet that liability. The amount sold was sixty-four shares Ohio six per cents, redeemable in 1860, which produced at Cincinnati nett \$6,464, when on the same day, 18th September, 1850, at the New York Stock Board, the sum of \$6,912, for the same amount of stock of the same character, was offered and refused—in other words, the stock was sold for \$101 per share, when it was worth \$108. The loss thus forced upon the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the compulsory sale, caused by the non-payment of the assessment, does not stop here, but the accruing interest, at 6 per centum for one year, up to your present session, is to be added, being \$384, making the aggregate sacrifice little less than \$1000. Under these circumstances the undersigned considered the interest justly due by the non-paying Grand Bodies, and, although he has not demanded it, yet respectfully submits the question to your judgment. It does appear to him to be a plain proposition, that if the principal was due, the withholding of it necessarily imposes the duty of making good, in some degree, the heavy loss thus superinduced.

During the recess the authority delegated to the Corresponding Secretary has been exercised by that officer in providing such supplies as became necessary to meet the demands of the Order: These consist of three thousand Charge and Degree Books, five hundred Odes, two hundred Diplomas, fifty thousand Cards, and one thousand Circulars—all of which have been paid for. It became necessary, also, in consequence of the wearing out of the old permanent card plate, to substitute a new one which was procured as nearly alike

the old as it was practicable to obtain it, at the reduced cost of one hundred and twenty five dollars.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth resolutions confide an important trust to the Corresponding Secretary, involving, as the authority conferred does, a very laborious and responsible charge. They direct a revision of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States from the institution of that body, and the exclusion therefrom of all extraneous and irrelevant matter; also, a minute examination of the whole work, running through 2,000 pages octavo, with a view to the correction of clerical and typographical errors. Superadded to which they require the revision and re-arrangement of the index of each volume, itself a work of no ordinary magnitude, and demanding to be properly executed not only much patient labor, but a talent so peculiarly appropriate to the task as to be extremely difficult to meet with. In view of the importance of this subject, the Grand Lodge, in the 9th resolution, conferred the authority upon the undersigned of employing such aid as he might deem necessary. I did not hesitate at once to avail myself of the privilege conferred by the resolution, believing that the magnitude of the cost of the work, and its great value to the order, alike required that no means should be left unemployed to meet the expectation as to the character of the book which the resolutions clearly indicated. It was apparent to me, from the tenor of the resolutions, that the Grand Lodge contemplated the production of a much improved edition of the Journal, and I felt assured that, although a book corresponding to the expectation expressed in the order, would involve a very considerable outlay, yet the cost of a work of such a character would very promptly be reimbursed, if properly digested, and its production were committed to competent hands. After mature reflection I adopted the following plan of operation: First—I made a thorough examination of the work myself, and excluded from it all such matter as formed no part of the text, excepting only such marginal notes as had reference to the conceded history and progress of the Order, and were verified by the records. All other matter, consisting of annotations, commentaries, and criticisms upon the text, I considered irrelevant and extraneous, and rejected. These I regarded as the mere individual opinions and partialities of judgment of the original compilers and publishers of the work, who had exercised the right to record such opinions whilst the book was their private property, but which, in a work designed to record only the acts of the Grand Lodge itself, were wholly inappropriate. In the second place, the subject of a general index to the entire work caused me no little difficulty. A proper index is justly regarded as a key to a book which unlocks at a moment every subject of inquiry, and thus saves the labor of a research which occupies much time, and is often fruitless. In addition to which, an index, to be valuable, should concentrate and condense subjects, and at the same time present them in the entirety in which they have been reported, considered and ultimately decided upon. Entertaining this opinion of the proper character of an index, I

reached the conclusion that it should be so arranged as to answer the double purpose of a guide to the detailed contents of the work, and of a copious digest of the laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and thus supersede the necessity of publishing new editions of the Digest from time to time, inasmuch as the work thus produced would supply a model for the index of the journals of all future sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to which the Corresponding Secretary could easily conform. I was aware that an index in an analytical form, such as had suggested itself to my mind, would be a work of much patient labor; and I looked around among the Brotherhood for aid in accomplishing this design with great solicitude. No appropriation having been made to defray the expense of such aid as was authorized, I could only fix my own estimate of the value of such a service in view of its difficulty of performance, and of its great value, if performed according to my expectation. I accordingly opened a correspondence with Bro. Wm. W. Moore, of the District of Columbia, Grand Sire elect, inviting him to take charge of the republication of the Journal and the preparation of the Index, upon the plan which I had arranged, suggesting to him my own opinions of the compensation which ought to be allowed, but leaving that question to be determined by the Grand Lodge at its present session, when that body would be fully possessed of information as to the time and talents the faithful and competent execution of such a work would require. To this invitation Bro. Moore, with much reluctance, and upon my earnest request, at length yielded, and has entered upon the execution of the task with his accustomed zeal and industry. I am very sure that I need offer no explanation of the reasons which influenced me in making this selection, for the eminent fitness of Bro. Moore for such an office will be apparent to all who know him.

Due notice was given to the Brotherhood for proposals for the printing and binding, a copy of which is annexed, and, upon receipt of the various propositions, they were transmitted to Bro. Grand Master J. M. H. Brunet, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, from whom the undersigned received an order, dated 8th January, 1851, awarding the contracts for printing and binding to Bro. James Young, of Baltimore. I have to regret that, notwithstanding our most earnest efforts, we have not been able to complete the work in time for your present session, but confidently expect to have it ready for sale about the commencement of the year 1852. We would recommend, however, that authority be given the executive officers to publish the work in three volumes, instead of two volumes, as originally designed. The journals down to and including the session of 1850, it is now found, will make some eighteen hundred pages, exclusive of the index. To form only two volumes of this bulk of matter, would render them inconvenient and unwieldy. It is therefore suggested that it would be much to the interest of the Order to add the journal of the present session, so as to form the whole into three volumes of 750 to 800 pages each, and advance the

price per set to six dollars, which will be at the rate of two dollars per volume. The price now fixed for the work, under the erroneous impression that it would not exceed 1600 pages in all, is two and a half dollars per volume.

The 10th resolution has been fully complied with.

The correspondence of the year has been voluminous, an abstract of which, showing the progress and condition of the Order, is subjoined:

British North America.—I regret sincerely to say that all correspondence with this sister jurisdiction has ceased, and that during the past year I have had no communication from that Body.

Michigan.—The Order continues to advance with a healthful step in Michigan. The increase of Lodges and membership has been commensurate with the former progress of the Order in the State.

Vermont.—The active movement given to the Order in Vermont during the first two years after its introduction within the State, has been somewhat checked, yet Odd-Fellowship is nowhere more prosperous.

Maine.—The report from this jurisdiction indicates a healthy condition of the Order.

Massachusetts.—Odd-Fellowship having pretty well covered the State after its revival in Massachusetts, nothing more seems to be left for its officers than the maintenance of its acquisitions and the preservation of its general prosperity. Its average strength continues.

New Hampshire.—I have great pleasure to report that from recent advices from P. Grand Rep. S. H. Parker, of New Hampshire, who has ever evinced the deepest interest in the welfare of the Order, the progress of our Order in New Hampshire, though slow, has been of a steady and regular increase ever since it has been established within her borders. Four new Lodges and one new Encampment have been chartered within the last year, and the character and stability of the Order has advanced in every respect.

Rhode Island.—The correspondence of the year with this jurisdiction indicates a general prosperity, although there has been a slight decrease of membership.

Connecticut.—Odd-Fellowship in Connecticut is in a highly prosperous condition.

New York.—In both jurisdictions of the Order within this State the Order has increased, although in a much larger degree in the Northern division. The Southern jurisdiction preserves a condition of general prosperity, and has advanced with a step, if not so rapid as that of her neighbor, by no means less steadily or healthfully.

Pennsylvania.—This vast jurisdiction of the Order does not seem to abate in its vigorous and diffusive growth throughout its entire limits. Odd-Fellowship may now be said to have planted its standard in every considerable town and village of the State. The Lodges number five hundred, with a constituency of fifty thousand. The annual report of the State has been received with the accustomed promptitude of Bro. Wm. Curtis, the efficient Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.—All is prosperous in this State.

Delaware.—The annual report of Delaware, made as usual in time, exhibits a steady advance of the Order within its limits.

Maryland.—The Order in Maryland continues to increase, if not so rapidly as in some of the other States, still not less solidly or faithfully to the Union. The number of Lodges now reach seventy-eight.

District of Columbia.—Odd-Fellowship maintains its average strength in this jurisdiction, and enjoys entire harmony.

Virginia.—The Order in the Old Dominion was never in a more healthy and prosperous condition. I am advised by the efficient Grand Master of the State, Bro. Brunet, "that in addition to five new Lodges authorized at the last session of the Grand Lodge, he has granted a dispensation for another, all of which are located at points desirable both for efficiency and success."

North Carolina.—In this jurisdiction the Order maintains a healthful condition, gradually advancing in both departments, and preserves the most perfect harmony in its administration.

South Carolina.—The annual report of South Carolina shows a gradual increase and a prosperous state of Odd-Fellowship within its borders.

Georgia.—Odd-Fellowship continues its onward progress in this State, and exhibits a most gratifying picture of prosperity.

Florida.—The Grand Lodge of this State has been organized in Florida, under the most auspicious circumstances, by G. Marshal H. A. Crane, a report of which has been received and is herewith annexed.

Mississippi.—I am indebted to Bro. Dicks, the much valued Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, for a continuance of interesting correspondence. Odd-Fellowship prospers in all its departments in this State, and is on the advance.

Alabama.—Our Order advances in Alabama and enjoys an elevated position.

Louisiana.—Odd-Fellowship is making the most rapid and healthful progress in Louisiana. All former embarrassments have disappeared, and the career of the Order indicates that in a few years the Grand Lodge of this State will occupy the same relative position in the Order which its political and commercial importance entitle it to in the Federal Union. The increase of membership has been nearly four hundred.

Missouri.—The interesting correspondence of the efficient Grand Secretary of Missouri, Bro. Veitch, affords the most gratifying account of Odd Fellowship. Our Order is rapidly diffusing itself all over the State, and the increase of Lodges and membership continues.

Illinois.—The awakened energies of the Order in this State, reported during the two last years, continues unabated, and Illinois is now among the strongest jurisdictions in the Order.

Indiana.—The Lodges in this State now number ninety-seven, and the membership four thousand three hundred and ninety-seven, indi-

cating the highest degree of prosperity, being an increase over the return of the past year of nearly one thousand members.

Ohio.—The progress of the Order in this great State, during the past year, has been commensurate with its career of the year before, evincing the highest degree of prosperity. To use the language of the efficient Grand Secretary Glenn, of that State, "new lodges have multiplied, membership increases, and in all things Odd-Fellowship keeps pace with the improvements and progress of our great State. We have never enjoyed greater harmony, for peace reigns throughout all our borders."

Kentucky.—Odd-Fellowship occupies an elevated position in this distinguished commonwealth. The increase of lodges and membership continues to be rapid and healthful, the latter having reached five hundred and twenty-five since last report.

Tennessee.—The march of the Order in Tennessee is still onward, and the most gratifying prosperity and harmony prevails through all its departments.

Arkansas.—A new Encampment has been formed in this State during the year, which has entered upon its career under gratifying circumstances. The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge also continues to be highly prosperous.

Wisconsin.—The vast increase of the Order in this State, within a comparatively very short period since the introduction of Odd-Fellowship within its borders, evinces the most sedulous devotion and zeal in the administration of its affairs. Its progress onward continues uninterrupted. Increase of membership during the year 334.

Iowa.—The Order in Iowa has had a year of great prosperity since your last session. The membership now exceeds one thousand, entitling the State to two Representatives.

Sandwich Islands.—Information of a highly gratifying character has been received from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu, per Bro. Rich. A. Thorpe, Secretary of the Lodge. I have also the pleasure of communicating an interesting letter from Bro. H. W. Crabb, resident of the Island, who enters into detail as to the difficulties and embarrassments which beset the Lodge in view of its distance from and inconvenient communication with the Parent Body. Of the Order, however, he says, "that the advance of Odd-Fellowship has nevertheless been steady and progressive, both in numbers and respectability, and may be made still more so with care and attention." I commend this correspondence to the especial notice of the Grand Lodge, in the hope that an effort will be again made to awaken an interest in the Order in the United States in behalf of our brethren in Honolulu, whose efforts in the cause of Odd-Fellowship appear to be much restrained for want of the means of building a suitable Lodge Room.

Oregon.—No Lodge is believed to exist in this Territory.

California.—The report of California Lodge, No. 1, has been received. It numbers 83 members. Herewith I submit a resolution passed by the Lodge, asking a remission of dues.

Minnesota.—The Order in this Territory consists of three lodges, located at St. Paul, St. Anthony, and Stillwater, and one camp at St. Paul, instituted during the recess. The lodges are in a highly prosperous condition. The camp warrant was entrusted to that indefatigable Odd-Fellow, D. D. Sire Potts, to whose care this Territory has been assigned.

New Mexico.—An application having been received for a warrant for a subordinate lodge to be located at Santa Fe, New Mexico, a special deputation was issued to Bro. Jos. D. Ellis, to the care of G. Secretary Veitch, of St. Louis, Mo., together with a warrant for the organization of the lodge. No return has yet been received from the Deputy.

Immediately after the receipt of the Revised Journal from the hands of the printer, it was distributed in the proportions prescribed by law, and no complaints whatever reached this office of the non-arrival of the same.

The Constitutions and By-Laws of State and Subordinate Bodies, received during the recess, together with the Journal of Proceedings of such Grand Bodies as have transmitted the same to this office, are herewith submitted, to which I respectfully invite your especial attention.

Warrants have been issued since your adjournment, in conformity to law and with the approbation of the Grand Sire, as follows:

FOR GRAND LODGE.

Florida, at Tallahassee.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Montezuma, No. 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Rio Grand, No. 2, Brownsville, Texas.

—————, “ 3, St. Augustine, Do.

Ecor Fobre, “ 4, Camden, Arkansas.

Minnesota, “ 1, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The several applications, together with the returns of the institution of these bodies, are herewith respectfully submitted for your approval.

As required by the several laws regulating this department, the following statement exhibits “the receipts of this office, from what source, and for what object,” during the fiscal year 1849, ’50. A supplementary table will be submitted during the session, showing the further receipts of the Corresponding Secretary from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the annual session inclusive. The several amounts, in obedience to the provision on that subject, have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this Report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year 1850—1851

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1850. Oct. 31.	Fort Smith Encamp., No. 3, Ark., on act.	Warrants.	\$13 95	18
1851 Mar. 10.	Rio Grand Encampment, No. 2, Tex.	"	30 00	59
" 15.	Encampment No. 3, San Augustine, do	"	30 00	66
April 3.	Encampment No. 4, Arkansas.....	"	30 00	72
" 21.	Lodge No. 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico	"	30 00	80
Aug. 11.	Encampment No. 1, Minnesota.....	"	30 00	111
Total for Warrants.....			\$163 95	
1850. Sep. 17.	Grand Encampment of Wis., on act..	Balance.	\$ 62	1
" 18.	Grand Encampment of Massachusetts	"	25 00	3
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, on act..	"	300 00	5
" 19.	Grand Encampment of Alabama.....	"	10 00	6
" 19.	Grand Encampment of Indiana.....	"	25 00	9
" 20.	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	100 00	11
Oct. 17.	Grand Encampment of Kentucky....	"	144 87	14
Nov. 11.	Grand Lodge of Kentucky	"	321 94	20
1851. Feb. 13.	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	29 14	48
" 26.	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	36 00	53
Apr. 21.	Grand Lodge of Missouri	"	62 00	82
July 2.	Grand Encampment of N. J., on act..	"	75 00	101
" 14.	Grand Lodge of So. New York.....	"	1219 94	105
Aug. 1.	Grand Encampment of Kentucky....	"	33 13	108
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	110 00	117
" 23.	Grand Encampment of New Jersey..	"	33 75	121
Sep. 1.	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....	"	238 00	128
" 1.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	496 12	129
" 1.	Grand Encampment of Wis., on act.	"	61 39	134
" 1.	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	722 00	135
" 1.	Grand Lodge of Penn., on act. of....	"	150 00	138
Total for Balance.....			\$4193 90	
1850 Sep. 19.	Puckechetuck Encamp., No. 7, Iowa.	Dues.	\$12 32	7
" 19.	Good Samaritan Encamp., No. 5, Iowa	"	3 52	7
" 20.	Chicago Encampment, No. 10, Illinois	"	10 00	10
Oct. 9.	Mt. Vernon Encamp., No. 7, Illinois	"	20 00	13
" 9.	Wauponsie Encamp., No. 13, Illinois	"	4 15	13
" 31.	Arkansas Encamp., No. 2, Arkansas.	"	29 20	18
" 31.	Fort Smith Encamp., No. 3, Arkansas	"	28 85	18
Dec. 2.	Halcyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa..	"	12 60	26
1851. Jan. 21.	Good Samaritan Encamp., No. 5, Iowa	"	3 00	36
" 28.	Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Illinois.	"	3 35	39
Feb. 4.	Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida.....	"	29 59	43
" 5.	Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, Florida.....	"	49 23	44
" 13.	Eureka Encampment, No. 2, Iowa...	"	7 56	48
" 13.	Good Samaritan Encamp., No. 5, Iowa	"	2 47	48
" 13.	Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Iowa...	"	4 99	48
" 13.	Halcyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa..	"	6 84	48
" 28.	Halcyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa..	"	6 00	54
Mar. 12.	Iowa Encampment, No. 6, Iowa.....	"	4 20	62
" 13.	Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, Florida.....	"	22 68	61

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1851. Mar 24,	Eureka Encampment, No. 2, Iowa...	Dues.	4 00	69
" 29,	Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Iowa....	"	10 00	70
Apr. 21,	Arkansas Encamp., No. 2, Arkansas.	"	29 40	81
" 21,	Fort Smith Encamp., No. 3, Arkansas	"	5 50	81
May 16,	Puckechetuck Encamp., No. 7, Iowa.	"	5 70	89
" 20,	St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota....	"	30 00	91
July 9,	Minnesota Lodge, No 1, Minnesota...	"	44 31	103
Aug. 13,	Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas, per report June 30, 1849.....	"	28 55	114
" 25,	Eureka Encampment, No. 2, Iowa,...	"	9 88	122
" 25,	Good Samaritan Encamp., No. 5, Iowa	"	5 90	122
" 25,	Halcyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa...	"	7 36	122
" 28,	Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas	"	9 35	125
Total for Dues.....			\$450 50	
1850. Oct. 25,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	Odes.	\$1 50	16
Nov. 11,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	30 00	20
" 21,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	3 00	21
Dec. 2,	Mechanics' Lodge, Florida.....	"	1 50	24
1851. Jan. 6,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	14 00	32
" 7,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	33 00	33
" 27,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	5 00	38
Feb. 1,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	30 00	40
" 3,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	10 00	41
" 4,	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	"	3 00	42
" 16,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	3 00	50
" 16,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	20 00	51
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	"	3 00	55
Mar. 4,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	15 00	56
Apr. 3,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	20 00	71
" 5,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	15 00	75
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	5 50	82
May 10,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	3 00	88
June 30,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	9 75	98
Aug. 19,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	1 08	116
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	3 00	118
Sep. 1,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	6 00	129
" 1,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	4 44	135
" 1,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	30 00	138
Total for Odes.....			\$269 77	
1850. Sep. 18,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	Diplomas.	\$100 00	4
Dec. 12,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	50 00	29
1851. Jan. 9,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	3 00	34
Feb. 11,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	1 00	46
Mar 15,	R. Burns, of New Jersey.....	"	5 00	64
Apr. 11,	John J. Davies, of S. New York....	"	12 00	77
May 10,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	1 00	88
June 5,	William Curtis, of Pennsylvania....	"	50 00	92
Sep. 1,	8 Diplomas sold single at office....	"	8 00	130
" 1,	Grand Encampment of Delaware....	"	2 00	136
Total for Diplomas.....			\$232 00	

Statement Continued.

DATES	LOGGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1850. Sep. 17.	Grand Encampment of Wisconsin....	Books.	\$2 00	1
" 18.	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	24 00	2
" 18.	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	58 00	4
" 18.	Grand Encampment of Indiana.....	"	18 00	9
" 20.	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	31 16	11
" 20.	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	28 20	12
Oct. 19.	Grand Encampment of Kentucky....	"	36 00	14
" 21.	Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	"	24 00	15
" 28.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	7 00	17
Dec. 5.	Grand Encampment of Maryland....	"	12 00	28
" 12.	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	45 00	29
" 23.	Grand Encampment of Kentucky....	"	70 00	30
" 27.	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	4 00	31
1851. Jan. 6.	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	76 00	32
" 9.	Grand Encampment N. New York...	"	12 00	34
" 23.	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	4 00	37
Feb. 1.	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	116 00	40
" 8.	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....	"	32 00	45
" 13.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	35 00	49
" 16.	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	120 00	51
" 20.	Grand Encampment of Alabama.....	"	30 00	52
" 26.	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	152 00	53
" 28.	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	"	68 00	55
Mar. 4.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	48 00	56
" 5.	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	8 00	57
" 10.	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	100 00	58
" 13.	Grand Encampment of Illinois.....	"	60 00	63
" 17.	Grand Encampment of Delaware.....	"	28 00	68
Apr. 5.	Grand Encampment of Alabama.....	"	30 00	73
" 14.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	44 00	78
" 21.	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	32 00	82
" 21.	Grand Lodge of Missouri, Digests...	"	25 00	82
" 21.	Grand Encampment of Missouri.....	"	12 00	83
" 21.	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	8 00	84
May 2.	Grand Encampment of Virginia.....	"	12 00	87
" 10.	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	4 00	88
June 7.	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	24 00	93
" 9.	Alfred Mudge, of Mass. Digests.....	"	25 00	95
" 23.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	200 00	97
" 30.	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	8 00	98
July 7.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	20 00	102
" 28.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	20 00	106
Aug. 19.	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	8 00	117
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Digests...	"	7 50	118
" 26.	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	78 00	123
Sep. 1.	Grand Encampment of Virginia....	"	14 00	127
" 1.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	72 00	129
" 1.	11 copies Digest, sold at office by the single copy.....	"	4 12	130
" 1.	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	96 00	135
Total for Books.....			\$1990 96	
1850. Sep. 18.	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	Cards.	\$175 00	2
" 18.	Grand Encampment of Massachusetts	"	25 00	3
" 18.	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	104 55	4

Statement Continued.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	Y.
1850. Oct. 19,	Grand Encampment of Kentucky....	Cards.	50 00	14
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	"	25 00	15
" 25,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	30 00	16
Nov. 21,	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	"	5 00	22
" 22,	Grand Encampment of New Jersey..	"	10 00	23
Dec. 2,	Mechanics' Lodge, Florida.....	"	3 50	21
" 2,	Pensacola Lodge, Florida.....	"	10 00	25
" 2,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	50 00	27
1851. Jan. 6,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	150 00	32
" 7,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	33
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Delaware....	"	10 00	36
Feb. 1,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	150 00	40
" 12,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	50 00	47
" 13,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	70 00	48
" 13,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	20 00	49
" 16,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	80 00	51
" 26,	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	75 00	53
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	"	100 00	55
Mar. 4,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	50 00	56
" 5,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	50 00	57
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	20 00	60
" 15,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	20 00	65
" 17,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	50 00	67
" 17,	Grand Encampment of Delaware....	"	5 00	68
Apr. 3,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	130 11	71
" 5,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	74
" 11,	Grand Lodge of S. New York.....	"	50 00	76
" 21,	Grand Encampment of Virginia.....	"	10 00	79
" 21,	D. D. G. Sire Garritt, of Arkansas...	"	5 10	81
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	50 00	82
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	100 00	84
" 30,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	50 00	85
May 2,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	30 00	86
" 10,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	22 00	88
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	90
June 9,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	100 00	94
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	96
" 30,	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	120 00	98
July 9,	D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts.....	"	9 50	103
" 28,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	80 00	106
Aug. 12,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	100 00	112
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	20 00	113
" 16,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	30 00	115
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	15 00	116
" 19,	Grand Encampment of New Jersey..	"	10 00	121
" 25,	Haleyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa..	"	2 50	122
" 26,	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	30 00	123
Sep. 1,	Grand Encampment of Virginia.....	"	27 50	127
" 1,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	20 00	129
" 1,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.	"	25 00	132
" 1,	Grand Encampment of Delaware....	"	25 00	133
" 1,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	50 00	135
" 1,	Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....	"	30 00	137
Total for Cards			\$2929 65	

Statement Continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1850. Sep. 17.	Grand Encampment of Wis., 1850....	Rep. Tax	\$20 00	1
" 18.	Grand Lodge of Mass., 1850.	"	40 00	2
" 18.	Grand Encampment of Mass., 1850..	"	40 00	3
" 18.	Grand Lodge of Illinois, 1850.	"	40 00	4
" 19.	Grand Encampment of Ala., 1850....	"	20 00	6
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1850.....	"	20 00	8
" 19.	Grand Encampment of Indiana, 1850..	"	20 00	9
" 20.	Grand Lodge of Indiana, 1850.....	"	40 00	11
Oct. 19.	Grand Encampment of Ky., 1850....	"	20 00	14
" 21.	Grand Lodge of Vermont, 1850.....	"	20 00	15
1851. Feb. 13.	Grand Lodge of Iowa, on acc't 1851..	"	30 00	48
" 26.	Grand Encampment of Ohio, for 1850.	"	40 00	53
July 9.	Grand Lodge of Virginia, for 1851...	"	40 00	104
" 23.	Grand Lodge of Fla., for account 1851	"	14 00	107
Aug. 1.	Grand Encampment of Ky., for 1851..	"	20 00	108
" 4.	Grand Encampment of Md., for 1851..	"	40 00	109
" 4.	Grand Lodge of Louisiana, for 1851..	"	40 00	110
" 4.	Grand Encampment of La., for 1851..	"	20 00	110
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Michigan, for 1851..	"	40 00	116
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for 1851..	"	40 00	117
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1851 . . .	"	100 00	118
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Mississippi, 1851....	"	40 00	119
" 23.	Grand Lodge of Vermont, 1851.....	"	40 00	120
" 23.	Grand Encampment of N. J., 1851....	"	20 00	121
" 26.	Grand Encampment of Ohio, 1851....	"	40 00	123
" 28.	Grand Lodge of Texas, 1851.....	"	20 00	124
" 29.	Grand Encampment, of Ala., 1851....	"	20 00	126
Sep. 1.	Grand Encampment of Va., 1851....	"	40 00	127
" 1.	Grand Lodge of Missouri, 1851.....	"	40 00	131
" 1.	Grand Encampment of Missouri, 1851	"	20 00	131
" 1.	Grand Encampment of Del., 1851....	"	20 00	133
" 1.	Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1851.....	"	40 00	135
" 1.	Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 1851.	"	40 00	137
" 1.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1851..	"	40 00	138
Total for Representative Tax.			\$1124 00	
1850. Nov. 4.	To 1 qr. interest on Md. State Stock.	Miscell's.	\$49 12	19
1851. Jan. 9.	To 1 qr. interest on Md. State Stock.	"	49 12	35
Apr. 2.	To 1 qr. interest on Md. State Stock.	"	49 12	74
May 16.	Grand Encampment of Iowa.....	"	30 89	
June 30.	On acc't of protested draft on N. N. Y.	"	1764 50	99
July 2.	To 1 qr. interest on Md. State Stock.	"	40 92	100
Total for Miscellaneous			\$1963 06	
1850. Sep. 17.	Grand Encampment of Wisconsin....	Asse. Tax.	\$9 87	1
" 19.	Grand Encampment of Alabama.....	"	10 00	6
Oct. 21.	Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	"	52 56	15
1851. Feb. 6.	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	97 62	53
Total for Assessment Tax.....			\$170 05	

The entire funds in the Treasury at the last session, together with the Ohio six per cent. stocks, amounting to \$6,007, was absorbed in the discharge of the per diem and mileage accruing under the law of

1849. The receipts of the past fiscal year fall materially short of the estimate of the Committee on Finance, based upon the new rate of prices levied upon supplies. This deficit arises in part from an error in estimating \$4,500 for representative tax, being for ninety representatives at \$50 each. This item of revenue depends upon the adoption of the pending amendment to the constitution, proposing such an increase, and, if adopted, can only be estimated in the future, not in any contingency entering into the receipts of this year. This deficit amounts alone to \$2,700, superadded to which the enhanced prices fixed for supplies and cash payments have had the effect materially to lessen the demand. The current receipts into the Treasury since the last Annual Report were as follows :

Total Warrants.....	\$163 95
“ Balance.....	4,193 00
“ Dues.....	450 50
“ Odes.....	269 77
“ Diplomas.....	232 00
“ Rep. Tax.....	1,124 00
“ Miscellaneous.....	1,953 05
“ Assessment Tax.....	170 05
“ Books.....	1,990 98
“ Cards.....	2,929 65
Total.....	\$13,477 88

In addition to which a large amount of revenue, consisting of the heretofore accumulating balances, and the withheld assessment tax, will flow into the treasury after the close of this report, by reason of the compulsory law of the last session, which will probably qualify the Grand Lodge to discharge the per diem and mileage dues of the present session, should the estimate of the Committee on Finance, of revenue from the sources designated by them, fail to meet that object. When the entire receipts are in, delayed beyond the time prescribed by law for their payment, as they always are, the undersigned will present a supplementary report, exhibiting the whole balance in the treasury, and from what sources, after which the Grand Lodge will be qualified to determine in what respect the revenue laws need amendment, if any, and whether the existing per diem and mileage law, which operates as a heavy drain upon the treasury, ought not to be repealed, and the former system be returned to. It is my duty in closing this report, to suggest that an appropriation of not less than \$3,000 should be made to defray the expense incident to the republication of the journals.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. RIDGELY,

Corresponding Secretary.

Office Cor. & Rec. Sec'y., Balto., Sept. 10, 1851.

On motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., that two thousand copies of the foregoing Report of the Grand Secretary be printed,

Rep. Winslow, of N. C., moved to amend by striking out “two thousand” and inserting “one thousand” copies.

The question being on the largest number, "two thousand" copies, it was agreed to.

Rep. Skinner, of Pa., presented certain amendments adopted by the Grand Lodge of that State to its constitution, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., presented the following resolution, and on his motion it was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby authorized to alter and amend its By-Laws at their semi-annual session in November next, so as to allow all the Past Grands to vote for Grand Lodge Officers in their respective Lodges, at such time as may be agreed upon by said Grand Lodge prior to the 1st day of May next, provided that a majority of the subordinate Lodges first give their assent thereto.

Rep. Papy, of Florida, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Vonnigerholz, of Miss., presented an appeal from the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Stewart, of D. of C., presented certain amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., presented an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Vonnigerholz, of Miss., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, an enquiry from the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, touching withdrawal cards, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following order, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, for instruction in the work of the Order, and that no visitors be admitted during the instruction.

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented sundry appeals from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Skinner, of Pa., offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to enquire as to the propriety of establishing a general, or union relief fund, for the benefit of travelling brothers, where sickness, accident, or other unavoidable occurrence shall demand relief beyond the benefits usually allowed by the laws of subordinate Lodges, and for the repayment of moneys expended by them, where the necessities of the case require a liberal outlay to relieve a brother in distress, agreeably to the spirit and precepts of our Order.

Rep. Nixon, of La., presented an appeal from that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented the following paper, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, held on the 22d July, the following resolution was passed, viz :

That the Grand Representatives of this State be instructed to lay the following before the Grand Lodge of the United States, for consideration, asking that a Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be appointed, or the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to make a synopsis of all the decisions of law, &c., at each and every session of that R. W. Body, and that the same be appended to the printed proceedings.

They were also instructed to ask of your R. W. Body the following questions, to wit :

Can a member of a Lodge withdraw from the same while charges are preferred against him, even if the member making the charges shall have withdrawn then?

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., presented two appeals from the Grand Lodge of that State, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Clayton, of S. New York, presented an appeal, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., presented the following paper, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the regular session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, held at their room on Thursday evening, August 14th, amongst other business had, was the adoption of the following, viz :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York the six months term is injurious to the Order at large, and that the Order is languishing in consequence thereof.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge bring the subject before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its approaching session, and advocate the necessity of the restoration of three months terms to subordinates.

On motion of Rep. Woodward, of Ill, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the book of diagrams and secret journal of this Grand Lodge be placed in the hands of the R. W. D. Grand Sire during the session.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Va., presented the following paper from the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, on the 17th April, the following proceedings were had :

P. G. Wm. F. Phillips presented the following report, which was read, and on motion received, and the resolutions adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of P. G. Littlebay in relation to C. C. Lewis, have had the same under consideration, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the initiation of C. C. Lewis, a resident of Parkersburg, Va., by Red Cedar Lodge, Iowa, was contrary to the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (sec 11th, page 49 of Digest,) and therefore null and void.

2. *Resolved*, That a subordinate Lodge has a right to refuse admission to a

member of the Order, even though he may have a regular travelling card, if they are satisfied that he has been unlawfully initiated, or that he has rendered himself unworthy.

3. *Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be furnished with a copy of this report, and of P. G. Littlebay's communication, and be instructed to bring the subject to the attention of that body, that it may direct what should be done in relation to the action of Red Cedar Lodge aforesaid.

JOHN R. EDMOND,
ERRA T. SUMMERS,
WM. F. PHILLIPS.

The communication of P. G. Littlebay, referred to in the third resolution, is as follows:

C. C. Lewis, a citizen and resident of Parkersburg, applied for membership in Parkersburg Lodge, No. 37, on 18th April, 1850, and a committee was appointed in form, who reported on his application at the regular session held on the 25th April, 1850, and the lodge proceeded to ballot, when there appearing four black balls against him, the N. G. declared him rejected. On the 1st September, 1850, he returned to his family in Parkersburg from a journey to Iowa, with a travelling card in form from Red Cedar Lodge, No. I. O. O. F. of that State. His residence is still in Parkersburg, and Parkersburg Lodge, No. 37, respectfully presents this case through her representative to the Grand Lodge for its consideration and action.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.
DAVID H. REED, G. Sec.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., presented a protest from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, touching certain charges in the account of said body, and submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Northern New York has been charged \$30 for a charter fee, granted in pursuance of the proceedings of this body of 1849, and also has been charged for interest on the assessment of that Grand Lodge for mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives, which amounts have been paid. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report on the legality and propriety of those charges.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges be, and they are hereby directed to prohibit subordinate Lodges, under their jurisdiction, from assembling in convention for the purpose of legislating on any subject without having first obtained the consent of their Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communications:

From California Lodge, No. 1, asking remission of dues. Referred to Committee on Finance.

From Grand Lodge of New Jersey, protesting against assessment. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Grand Lodge of Maine, touching restoration of prerogatives of P. G. Sires. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

From Excelsior Lodge, Honolulu, praying aid of the Grand Lodge. Laid on the table.

From Grand Lodge of Texas, concerning Patriarchal Order. Referred to Committee on Petitions.

From Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, to abolish Encampments. Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., presented certain resolutions of the Grand Encampment of that state, contained in a printed pamphlet, purporting to be the proceedings of said Grand Encampment, protesting against the course of the Grand Encampment of Pa. in the case of P. G. G. W. Hufty, and moved their reference to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to lay the subject on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Cassady to refer the paper to the Committee on the State of the Order—

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., raised the following point of order: "Is a mere printed pamphlet, purporting to be the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, without an authentication by the seal or signatures of the Grand Officers of that body, such an official paper as this Grand Lodge can recognise?"

The Chair ruled that this Grand Lodge could not recognise the pamphlet presented, which was nothing more than an ordinary copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Encampment of N. Jersey, as an official paper emanating from that body.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby authorized to admit to membership in their body (provided it may be deemed expedient by them) P. G. Representative George W. Hufty, formerly a member of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was agreed to.

Rep. Dibble, of N. New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to enquire into the amount of revenue and expenditures of the various subordinate Lodges attached to the several State jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, with reference to establishing the same upon some solvent and stable basis, and report thereon, and upon the expediency of uniform rates of fees and benefits, at the next regular communication of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The Chair named Reps. Dibble, Abbett, and Meredith as the committee

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That subordinate Lodges have the right to refuse its members visiting cards, and to decline accepting their dues or paying them benefits, when they purpose a temporary residence in California, or in any other place in which a change in their ordinary occupation would increase the risk of life and health.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be, and are hereby directed to report, for the action of this body, a law requiring uniformity in State Grand Encampments as to the qualifications of candidates for membership.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the committee already raised on the Grand Sire's Report, for the purpose of having the various subjects therein suggested referred to appropriate committees.

Rep. Abbett, of Md., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved that the committee on the subject of honorary degrees for the wives of scarlet degree members have leave to report to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved to amend by striking out "to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock," and inserting this evening at 7 o'clock, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, Sept. 16—Nine o'clock A. M.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report correct certificates of

P. G. M. William Crutcher, from G. L. Mississippi.

P. G. M. James M. Danley, " G. L. Arkansas.

*P. G. W. O. Worthington, " G. L. Virginia.

[*For this session.]

A. B. ELY,
S. MEREDITH,
M. WOODRUFF.

On motion of Rep. Manchester, of R. I., Rep. Wheeler, of R. I., was excused from further service in the Grand Lodge, on account of domestic affliction.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to enquire into the expediency of permitting Subordinate Encampments to elect two Scribes, and to divide the labor of that office between them, and report to this body at their earliest convenience.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Martin of Miss., also presented certain enquiries from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, touching cards, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Meredith, of Indiana, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns on Thursday next, it adjourn without day.

On motion of Rep. Hills, of Mass., the Lodge resolved itself into secret session, for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on the Female Degree.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Past Grand Officers and Representatives now present were permitted to remain during the secret session.

The Lodge being cleared of visitors, except those privileged by resolution, passed some hours in secret session when the door was again opened to visitors, and the Lodge proceeded with its ordinary business.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Meredith, of Ind., from the Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Most W. Grand Sire and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the subjects therein contained be distributed among the several committees as follows: So much as relates to the finances of the Grand Lodge, to the Committee on Finance. So much as relates to compensating members of this Grand Lodge, to the Committee on Finance. So much as relates to foreign and domestic correspondence, to the Committee on Correspondence. So much as relates to Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, to the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented. So much as relates to the Wildey fund and annuities, to a special committee of three. So much as relates to the publication of the new edition of the Journal, to the Committee on Printing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. MEREDITH,
J. A. KENNEDY,
SMITH SKINNER

On motion, the rule requiring reports to lay over one day was suspended, and the report was adopted.

Rep. Hale, from the Committee on Mileage, by unanimous consent, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee having ascertained that some of the Past Officers desire soon to leave the city, respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution. The details of the distances travelled will be inserted in the tabular statement to be made before the close of the session.

JAS. W. HALE,
S. PENNY,
H. B. HINSDALE.

Resolved, That the amounts set against the following names be and are hereby ordered to be paid:

To Robert H. Griffin, Past Grand Sire.....	\$71 60
To Asher S. Kellogg, Past Deputy Grand Sire.....	48 00
E. M. P. Wells, Past Grand Chaplain.....	45 00
H. A. Crane, Past Grand Marshal.....	71 60

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, the rule was suspended, and the report was adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, by unanimous consent, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee appointed to report the unfinished business of this body, find as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

- By Rep. Stokes, of Penn., to article 10th, page 1522, journal 1849.
- By Rep. Stokes, of Penn., to article 11th, page 1523, journal 1849.
- By Rep. Stokes, of Penn., to article 3d, page 1522, journal 1849.
- By Rep. Davies, of S. N. York, to article 1st, page 1556, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Abell, of Conn., to article 1st, page 1556, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Colfax, of Ind., to article 1st, page 1560, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., to article 1st, page 1645, journal 1860.
- By Rep. Fritz, of Penn., to article 2d, page 1549, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, to article 2d, page 1558, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Curtis, of Penn., to article 3d, page 1552, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Hunt, of Md., to article 3d, page 1555, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Conley, of Ga., to article 3d, page 1557, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Conley, of Ga., to article 3d, page 1557, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Ely, of Mass., to article 3d, page 1651, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Abell, of Conn., to article 4th, page 1557, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Brunet, of Va., to article 4th, page 1559, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Stokes, of Penn., to article 6th, page 1552, journal 1850.
- By Rep. Stokes, of Penn., to article 6th, page 1559, journal 1850.

By Rep. Stokes, of Penn., to article 7th, page 1559, journal 1850.
By Rep. Colfax, of Ind., to article 7th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Smith, of N. N. York, to article 8th, page 1546, journal 1850.
By Rep. Conley, of Ga., to article 8th, page 1646, journal 1850.
By Rep. Winder, of Mich., to article 10th, page 1552, journal 1850.
By Rep. Egan, of N. N. York, to article 10th, page 1552, journal 1850.
By Rep. Chapman, of Ind., to article 10th, page 1550, journal 1850.
By Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., to article 10th, page 1557, journal 1850.
By Rep. Bayley, of Md., to article 10th, page 1558, journal 1850.
By Rep. Read, of N. Jersey, to article 10th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., to article 10th, page 1646, journal 1850.
By Rep. Abell, of Conn., to article 11th, page 1556, journal 1850.
By Rep. Conley, of Ga., to article 11th, page 1557, journal 1850.
By Rep. Brunet, of Va., to article 11th, page 1559, journal 1850.
By Rep. Barrows, of Miss., to article 11th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Conley, of Ga., to article 14th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Ely, of Mass., to article 11th, page 1651, journal 1850.
By Rep. Potts, of Ill., to article 12th, page 1556, journal 1850.
By Rep. Tewksbury, of Md., to article 12th, page 1558, journal 1850.
By Rep. Brunet, of Va., to article 12th, page 1559, journal 1850.
By Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., to art. 12th, page 1560, jour. 1850.
By Rep. Askew, of Del., to article 12th, page 1561, journal 1850.
By Rep. Ellison, of Mass., to article 12th, page 1641, journal 1850.
By Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., to article 12th, page 1646, journal 1850.
By Rep. Ely, of Mass., to article 12th, page 1651, journal 1850.
By Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y., to article 14th, page 1556, journal 1850.
By Rep. Wallace, of N. N. Y., to article 14th, page 1558, jour. 1850.
By Rep. Winder, of Mich., to article 14th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Colfax, of Ind., to article 14th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Conley, of Ga., to article 14th, page 1560, journal 1850.
By Rep. Chester, of Mich., to article 14th, page 1621, journal 1850.
By Rep. Chapman, of Ind., to article 15th, page 1548, journal 1850.
By Rep. Clark, of Ohio, to article 15th, page 1548, journal 1850.
By Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., to article 15th, page 1557, journal 1850.
By Rep. Curtis, of Penn., to article 15th, page 1559, journal 1850.
By Rep. Hunt, of Md., to article 18th, page 1555, journal 1850.
By Rep. Tewksbury, of Md., to article 18th, page 1558, journal 1850.
By Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., to art. 18th, page 1559, jour. 1850.
By Rep. Wakeley, of Wis., to article —, page 1557, journal 1850.
By Rep. Brunet, of Va., to article —, page 1559, journal 1850.
By Rep. Ely, of Mass., to article —, page 1651, journal 1850.
Resolution of Rep. Holmes, of Mo, page 1661, journal 1850.
Resolution of the minority of Committee on Honorary Degree for
wifes and daughters of Scarlet Degree members, &c., page 1619.
All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLISON,
FRED. D. STUART,
M. D. PAPY.

Rep. Skinner, of Pa., moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess until one o'clock, which was agreed to.

ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, adopted on yesterday, being the consideration of amendments pending to the constitution, in the order of the several articles of the constitution.

Pending which, Rep. Narine, of N. J., asked the unanimous consent of the Lodge to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger have placed daily on the desk of each Representative eight copies of the printed proceedings in single wrappers, for the purpose of mailing; and that he be authorized to pay the postage on all documents which may be placed in his hands, printed by authority of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., objected. The resolution was therefore not entertained.

Rep. Conley moved to postpone the special order for the purpose of taking up the resolution of Rep. Narine, which was agreed to.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. Narine,

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the resolution, directing the Messenger to place eight copies of the printed proceedings in single wrappers on the desk of members, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the second branch of the resolution, to wit, authorizing the Messenger to pay the postage on all documents placed in his hands to be mailed,

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to add the following words, "upon receiving the money from the members who send them."

Rep. Meredith raised a point of order, whether, a question being divided and one branch adopted, the second branch was open to amendment.

The Chair ruled the amendment to be in order; and the question being on the amendment of Rep. Ellison, it was not agreed to, and the second branch of the resolution was then adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is represented to this Grand Lodge that the interests of the Patriarchal Order in the State of Virginia would be greatly promoted by a change in the location of the Grand Encampment from the town of Alexandria to some more convenient point: *Therefore*

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the said Grand Encampment of Virginia, by a vote of that body, at its next session, to change its location to some more suitable point, to be determined by said body.

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., to lay the same on the table, it was not agreed to; and the question recurring on the resolution, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, in relation to the abolition of Encampments, and that said communication be referred to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair, with instructions to report to this Grand Lodge on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, a detailed plan for abolishing the Grand Encampments, and merging the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Stuart, of D. of C., moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of five Representatives, who are now members in good standing of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Encampment, be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire, to whom shall be referred the propositions to abolish Grand and Subordinate Encampments submitted at the last session of this Grand Lodge, with instructions to take the same into consideration and report to this R. W. Body at its next session—

First : As to the propriety of altering the laws, so as not to recognise the Patriarchal as a separate and distinct branch of the Order.

Secondly : If an alteration be recommended, to submit to this R. W. Body at the same time a plan by which the Subordinate Encampment degrees may be conferred by the Subordinate Lodges, and such other suggestions, upon which to base laws, as may be necessary, by the contemplated change in the laws and regulations appertaining to the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Resolved, That the committee appointed in accordance with the foregoing resolution have leave to meet at such time and place as may be determined upon by them, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, and that they be allowed the same per diem and travelling expenses as the representatives of this R. W. Body when attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge; provided that said committee shall not be allowed compensation for more than six days.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Stuart, of Dis. of Columbia,

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., to lay the whole subject on the table,

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., raised a point of order that the proposition under consideration was, under the 15th rule of order, a privileged question, it being a motion to "*refer*."

The Chair did not so regard the resolution, and ruled the motion to lay on the table to be in order.

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring upon the motion to lay on the table it was adopted. The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Bayley, of Md., Clayton, (2 votes,) Colfax, Curtis, Ellison, Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gear, Hackleman, Hansford, Hills, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, McLain, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Meredith, Morton, Munday, Nixon, Perkins, Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, Russell, Seymour, Simpson, Skinner, (2 votes,) Small, Smith, of Tenn., Stewart, of Del., Washington, Wells, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Winslow, Wood—43.

NAYS.—Abbett, Baldwin, Bayly, of D. of C., Barnard, Bebee, Bonnev, Cassady, Chidsey, Conley, Crutcher, Danley, DeSaussure, Dibble, Emerson, Gyles, Hardie, Hinsdale, Kingsbury, Langworthy, Martin, Mitchell, Narine, Penny, Pindell, I. Robinson, (2 votes.) G. S. Sanford Senter, (2 votes,) Simes, (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. of C.

Taylor, Trippe, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Ward, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff—39.

The Lodge again proceeded to the order of the day, being the consideration of amendments pending to the constitution.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to postpone the order of the day until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to amend by striking out "9 o'clock to-morrow morning," and inserting 6 o'clock this evening.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Ely, it was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. Conley, to postpone until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, which was agreed to.

Rep. Naine, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be authorized to receive proposals and make a contract for the printing of the daily and revised proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stuart, of D. of Col., moved that the Grand Secretary be directed to have all the proposed amendments to the constitution, together with the several articles proposed to be amended, printed, which was adopted.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special Grand Representative be appointed and commissioned by the Grand Sire to represent this body in the R. W. Grand Lodge of British North America at its next annual communication, and that such representative be requested to advise with the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of British North America in regard to the Work of the Order, so as to insure as great a uniformity as possible in the work between the two jurisdictions.

Rep. E. C. Robinson moved to lay the resolution on the table and, the question being put, the Chair declared the resolution to lay on the table adopted.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., asked a division.

The Chair ruled that, having pronounced a decision, that the resolution was adopted, it was now too late to ask for a division.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., appealed from this decision of the Chair.

And the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge," it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Washington, of N. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be granted to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to change the place of its annual communications from Raleigh to Wilmington.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Petitions, which was agreed to.

Rep. Stuart, of D. of Col., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the first, second, and third resolutions submitted by the Fi-

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, in relation to the abolition of Encampments, and that said communication be referred to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair, with instructions to report to this Grand Lodge on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, a detailed plan for abolishing the Grand Encampments, and bringing the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges.

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First : As to the propriety of altering the laws, so as not to be Patriarchal as a separate and distinct branch of the Order.

Secondly : If an alteration be recommended, to submit to this Grand Lodge at the same time a plan by which the Subordinate Encampment may be reformed, conferred by the Subordinate Lodges, and such other suggestions as may be necessary, by the contemplated change of regulations appertaining to the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Resolved, That the committee appointed in accordance with the foregoing resolution have leave to meet at such time and place as may be determined by them, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, and that they be allowed per diem and travelling expenses as the representatives of the Order when attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge; provided they shall not be allowed compensation for more than six days.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Stuart, of Columbia,

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., to lay the whole question on the table,

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., raised a point of order. The question under consideration was, under the 15th rule of the Order, in question, it being a motion to "refer."

The Chair did not so regard the resolution, and the motion to lay on the table to be in order.

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., appealed from the decision of the Chair on the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair be the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring upon the motion to lay on the table adopted. The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Bayley, of Md., Clayton, of Pa., Curtis, Ellis, Ellison, Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gentry, Hills, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, Lester, Marley, Meredith, Morton, Munday, Newington, E. C. Robinson, Russell, Seyler, (2 votes.) Small, Smith, of Tenn., Stevens, Wells, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ga.

NAYS.—Abbott, Baldwin, Bayly, of Pa., Bonnev, Cassady, Chidsey, Conley, Crabtree, Dibble, Emerson, Gyles, Hardie, Hinsdale, J. H. Martin, Mitchell, Narine, Penny, Pindell, G. S. Sanford Senter, (2 votes,) Simes, (2 votes.)

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DESAUSSURE,
COLFAX,
SMALL.

Committee, submitted the fol-
lowing rule:

1 States:

Order, to whom were referred
Pennsylvania, relative
and of Rep, Ellison, of
a law prohibiting the meet-
for purposes of legislation, report:
appropriately belongs to the Legis-
law, and therefore beg to be dis-
consideration.

and resolution, Sec. 1, Art. 3, Dig. p. 47,
"have no legislative power what-
laws for their own internal government."
and further and new legislation should appropri-
Committee, and therefore this committee
from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

in the Committee on the State of the Order, pre-
g report, which lies over under the rule:

1 Lodge of the United States:

in the State of the Order, to whom was referred
Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, report:
matter contained in said resolutions has been
of amendments to the constitution, page 1557
They therefore ask to be discharged from fur-
subject.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

ournment having arrived, (3½ o'clock P
and the lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-

nance Committee, found on page 1613 of the Journal of Proceedings of 1850, to wit—

1. *Resolved*, That the pay of representatives to, and officers of this body, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) shall be two dollars per diem during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That in addition to the above, the said representatives and officers shall also receive four cents for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and back again; the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

3. *Resolved*, That the said per diem allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, on the certificate of the Grand Secretary, and that all laws inconsistent with these resolutions be, and the same are hereby repealed.

As amended and adopted on pages 1639 and 1641 be, and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion of Rep. Penny, of Ala., to adjourn, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Danley, of Ark., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas be and the same is hereby extended over the Indian country, west of the State of Arkansas, and now embraced in the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Arkansas.

Rep. Papy, of Florida, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That a duplicate charter be granted by this Grand Lodge for the establishment of Ridgely Lodge, No. 9, to be located at Mariana, Jackson county, Florida.

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Tenn., from the Committee on Correspondence, certain papers erroneously in the hands of that committee were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Chair named Reps. DeSaussure, of S. C., Curtis, of Pa., and Ellison, of Mass., as the committee on the subject of the Wildey Fund.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred sundry resolutions from the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, touching withdrawal cards, report:

That the redress which an Encampment has against a Patriarch who, holding a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge, yet refuses or neglects to pay his Encampment dues, and so entitle himself to a withdrawal card from the latter, and the means of obtaining such redress, are those which the laws of the country furnish. If a Patriarch refuses payment, the laws of the Order furnish no other redress, or means of obtaining redress, than by refusing to grant a card.

The Officers of an Encampment are bound to furnish a card if the

Patriarch having such Subordinate Lodge card is in good standing, and comply with the regulations by payment of his dues. Under Sec. 9, Dig. p. 57, the application is not required to be in open Encampment, but is a duty imposed upon the officers, and which they are bound to report at the next meeting.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which lies over under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the resolutions submitted by Rep. Skinner, of Pennsylvania, relative to establishing a general relief fund, and of Rep. Ellison, of Massachusetts, relative to the passage of a law prohibiting the meeting of subordinates in convention for purposes of legislation, report:

That the first of these subjects appropriately belongs to the Legislative Committee, requiring new law, and therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

With respect to the second resolution, Sec. 1, Art. 3, Dig. p. 47, declares that Subordinate Lodges "have no legislative power whatever, except to make by-laws for their own internal government." The resolution proposing further and new legislation should appropriately go to the Legislative Committee, and therefore this committee beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep Small, from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which lies over under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, report:

That the subject matter contained in said resolutions has been submitted in the form of amendments to the constitution, page 1557 proceedings of 1850. They therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

The time fixed for adjournment having arrived, (3½ o'clock P M.) the Grand Sire declared the lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 17—Nine o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., leave of absence was granted to Rep. Simpson, of Pa., for the day, who was unexpectedly called home.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain interrogatories from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, relative to withdrawal cards, report:

That Art. 7, Sec. 10, Dig., p. 37, has been so far altered as to declare that a withdrawal card may be annulled for good cause existing at the time of granting it; no case having occurred to require a further interpretation of the law. But the present interrogatories requiring a further explanation, the committee are of opinion that, since a withdrawal card is a recommendation for twelve months, the policy and interest of the Order require, and the power does remain with the Lodge granting it, of withdrawing or annulling it for good cause arising between its granting and expiration. After the expiration of the twelve months the card becomes utterly null, and by the decision of this body all jurisdiction over the holder ceases. Time definite appearing on the face of the card, it would be impolitic to extend the power of the Lodge to annul after that time has expired.

The committee reiterate the opinion expressed in another report, that it is proper for a Lodge to report to the Lodge granting the card any conduct on the part of the holder calculated to injure the Order in the eyes of the community at large. The State Grand Lodges, as declared legislative heads of the Order in their respective jurisdictions, have the right of pointing out to their subordinates their duty in this respect, but it would be far better to leave the general direction of this matter to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which can alone govern the whole Order.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred

certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia relative to the initiation of C. C. Lewis, a resident of Virginia, by Cedar Key Lodge, Iowa, report:

That the facts as set forth by the Grand Lodge of Virginia appear to be a clear violation of art. 30 of the by-laws, prohibiting the initiation of persons at places remote from their permanent residences, and as such renders the lodge so acting liable to censure for disregard of the laws, and amenable to such punishment as may be inflicted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It has been repeatedly declared by this body to be the policy of the Order not to declare persons thus initiated discharged from membership, since such course would free those persons from all obligations of secrecy. But the course has been pursued of declaring the body acting contrary to the law, liable to punishment. And the remedy of the Grand Lodge of Virginia is to present the proceedings of Cedar Key Lodge, Iowa, to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, for violation of law.

The committee cannot sustain the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, that a Subordinate Lodge has the right of refusing admission to one who has a regular card, on the ground of his improper initiation. The course adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1846 appears to be the correct policy of the Order, and the committee adopt their conclusion, "that one having proper credentials should be received as a visiting brother, and his conduct if improper be reported to the lodge granting the card."

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. Segar and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in appropriating a sum of money for the Washington National Monument, would ask leave to report, that, as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia contains no restrictions against such an appropriation, the committee believe it was a legitimate exercise of power. The committee offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON
D. P. BARNARD,
A. S. KELLOGG.

Resolved, That the appellants have leave to withdraw their appeal.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Alfred Davis from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in enact-

ing a code of general laws and rules of order for the government of its subordinates, would ask leave to report:

That the appeal implies that the Grand Lodge of Ohio has refused to allow its subordinates to enact a code of by-laws for their government. The committee do not so understand the case, but, on the contrary, the Grand Lodge of Ohio has fixed the minimum amount to be paid by its subordinates for benefits dues, &c., leaving it for the subordinates to provide by law for any specific sum above those rates. That the Grand Lodges possess the power to enact laws for the government of their subordinates is laid down in the Digest, page 45, article 2d, section 2d. That subordinate lodges have the power to make by-laws for their own internal government is also to be found in the Digest, page 47, article 3d, section 2d. The committee offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
D. P. BARNARD,
A. S. KELLOGG.

Resolved, That the appeal of Alfred Davis be not sustained.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. C. P. Thomas H. Shields, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, in directing the Grand Patriarch to allow a R. P. D. Patriarch to confer the Encampment Degrees upon Scarlet Degree members in good standing, for the purpose of enabling them to petition for a charter for a new Encampment, would ask leave to report, that article 3, section 2, page 14, of the Digest, gives that power only to the Grand Sire, in cases where there is no Encampment in the State, District, or Territory where the applicants can conveniently receive the degrees. This Grand Lodge has also refused to allow State Grand Encampments to confer the Encampment Degrees upon Scarlet Degree members, for the purpose of qualifying them to become petitioners for a Subordinate Encampment. See report of Legislative Committee, page 1518 Journal of 1849. The committee offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
D. P. BARNARD,
A. S. KELLOGG.

Resolved, That the appeal of P. C. P. Thomas Shields be sustained.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of United Brothers Lodge, No. 52, of Southern New York, from the action of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, of the State of Louisiana, would

ask leave to report, that the appeal can only reach the body through or by the consent of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON
D. P. BARNARD,
A. S. KELLOGG.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Wm. Wood from the decision of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which decision was sustained by said Grand Lodge, to wit, that a representative of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. is not an elective officer, would ask leave to report, that the question in Tennessee is settled by the constitution of its own Grand Body, which, in enumerating its elective officers, includes a Grand Representative or Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
D. P. BARNARD,
A. S. KELLOGG.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following supplementary report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed supplementary statement of the receipts of his office, since the termination of the fiscal year, June 30, 1850.

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1851 Sep. 8.	Grand Lodge of Alabama	Rep. Tax.	\$40 00	130
" 8.	Grand Encampment of Georgia.....	"	20 00	149
" 9.	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	40 00	142
" 9.	Grand Encampment of Illinois.....	"	40 00	142
" 11.	Grand Encampment of S. Carolina....	"	20 00	143
" 11.	Grand Encampment of Indiana.....	"	20 00	144
" 12.	Grand Lodge of Maine	"	40 00	145
" 12.	Grand Encampment of Dis. of Col....	"	20 00	146
" 13.	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....	"	40 00	147
" 15.	Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.	"	40 00	148
" 15.	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	40 00	149
" 15.	Grand Encampment of N. New York.	"	40 00	150
" 15.	Grand Encampment of Michigan.....	"	20 00	151
" 15.	Grand Encampment of N. Hampshire.	"	20 00	152
" 15.	Grand Lodge of S. New York.....	"	40 00	153
" 15.	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	40 00	153
" 15.	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	40 00	154

Supplementary Statement Continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1851. Sep. 15	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island	Rep. Tax.	40 00	155
" 15	Grand Encampment of Rhode Island..	"	20 00	156
" 15	Grand Encampment of Mississippi....	"	20 00	157
" 15	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.	"	40 00	158
" 15	Grand Encampment of Maine	"	20 00	159
" 15	Grand Encampment of S. New York..	"	40 00	160
" 15	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania..	"	40 00	160
" 15	Grand Encampment of N. Carolina...	"	20 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Ohio	"	40 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Georgia	"	40 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	40 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	40 00	160
" 15	Grand Encampment of Wisconsin ..	"	20 00	161
" 15	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	40 00	161
" 15	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	40 00	161
" 15	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	40 00	162
" 15	Grand Encampment of Tennessee....	"	20 00	163
Total for Representative Tax ..			\$1,120 00	
1851. Sep. 8	Grand Encampment of Georgia.....	Balances.	68 00	140
" 11	Grand Encampment of Indiana....	"	128 25	144
" 12	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	610 87	145
" 12	Grand Encampment Dis. of Col.....	"	52 50	146
" 15	Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.	"	97 37	148
" 15	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	600 06	149
" 15	Grand Encampment N. N. York.....	"	30 00	150
" 15	Grand Encampment of Michigan.....	"	102 75	151
" 15	Grand Lodge S. N. York... ..	"	785 09	153
" 15	Grand Lodge N. N. York.....	"	345 28	153
" 15	Grand Lodge of Tennessee	"	223 36	154
" 15	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island	"	50 00	155
" 15	Grand Lodge Dis. of Columbia	"	82 00	158
" 15	Grand Encampment of Maine....	"	118 25	159
" 15	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	"	2079 12	160
" 15	Grand Camp of Pennsylvania.....	"	281 81	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Ohio.. ..	"	1023 62	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Ga.....	"	35 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	780 56	160
" 15	Grand Camp of Wisconsin.....	"	30 00	161
" 15	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	490 39	162
" 15	Grand Encampment of Tennessee....	"	186 62	163
Total for Balances.....			\$8,110 81	
1851. Sep. 8	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	Books.	45 00	139
" 8	Grand Encampment of Georgia.....	"	24 50	140
" 9	Grand Lodge of N. New York.....	"	8 00	141
" 9	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	80 00	142
" 13	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.	"	48 00	147
" 15	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....	"	5 00	155
" 15	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	64 00	160
" 15	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania..	"	39 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	112 00	160
" 15	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	8 00	161
" 15	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	40 00	161
Total for Books.....			\$433 50	

Supplementary Statement Continued.

DATE.	LOGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1851. Sep. 9.	Grand Lodge of N. N. York.....	Cards.	\$90 00	141
"	9, Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	60 00	142
"	13, Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....	"	135 00	147
"	15, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	50 00	160
"	15, Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	80 00	160
"	15, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire	"	80 00	161
Total for Cards.....			\$495 00	
1851. Sep. 9.	Grand Lodge of N. N. York.....	Odes.	\$2 00	141
"	15, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	30 00	160
"	15, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	1 50	161
Total for Odes.....			\$33 50	
1851. Sep. 15.	Grand Encampment of N. Hampshire.	Diplomas.	\$3 37	152
"	15, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	6 00	161
Total for Diplomas.....			\$9 37	

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

WARRANTS.....	Statement.....	\$163 90
BALANCES.....	Statement.....	4,193 05
	Supplement.....	8,110 81
DUES.....	Statement.....	450 50
ODES.....	Statement.....	269 77
	Supplement.....	33 50
DIPLOMAS.....	Statement.....	232 00
	Supplement.....	9 37
REPRESENTATIVE TAX.....	Statement.....	1,124 00
	Supplement.....	1,190 00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	Statement.....	1,953 08
ASSESSMENT TAX.....	Statement.....	170 05
BOOKS.....	Statement.....	1,990 98
	Supplement.....	433 50
CARDS.....	Statement.....	2,920 65
	Supplement.....	495 00
Amount of Receipts.....		\$23,670 16

DUE BY STATE GRAND ENCAMPMENT to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Sept. 1851.

CONNECTICUT—Balance.....	\$56 37½
Books.....	25 00
Rep. Tax.....	20 00
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	\$101 37½

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS received from Lodges and Encampments for
account of Wildey Fund and Annuity, 1851.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS.	FUND.	V.	ANNUITY.	V.
1850. Oct. 10,	Cahawba Lodge, No. 10, Alabama...	\$5 00	53	\$2 00	53
" 10,	Union Lodge, No. 13, Alabama.....	10 00	53	2 00	53
" 10,	Macon Lodge, No. 14, Alabama.....	5 00	53	.....	53
" 10,	Central Lodge, No. 18, Alabama.....	2 00	53	3 00	53
1851. Jan. 21,	Patrick Henry Lodge, No. 11, Del.....	.....	.....	2 00	54
Mar. 3,	Wm. Tell Lodge, No. 4, Maryland.....	.....	.....	10 00	55
Aug. 19,	Lodges and Encampments in New Orleans, La.....	100 00	56	100 00	56
" 23,	Monumental Lodge, No. 14, Maryland, for 1849, 1850 and 1851.....	.....	.....	15 00	57
Sep. 15,	Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Miss.....	3 00	58	.....	.....
" 15,	Choctaw Encampment, No. 5, Miss.....	3 00	58	.....	.....
		\$128 00		\$124 00	

The entire receipts for the year, it will be seen, amount to \$23,670.16. Of this amount, the sum of \$14,426.86, being for balances, assessment tax, and miscellaneous fund, forms no part of the legitimate revenue of the year, which, being subtracted, will leave the amount of \$9,243.30 as the appropriate receipts arising under the finance laws of the last session. The amount estimated by the Committee on Finance was \$16,200; the amount received \$9,243.30; deficit, \$6,956.70.

It will be seen therefore that the finance system devised, if the mileage and per diem law is continued, will not realize the estimate of the committee, and that some other plan must be suggested. There will doubtless be a considerable surplus, after discharging all the liabilities of the session, which the undersigned respectfully suggests should be set apart for the purpose of replacing the Ohio Stock fund, expended at the last session in payment of the per diem and mileage dues. The entire indebtedness of State Grand Lodges has now been discharged, and but a moderate amount remains due by one Grand Encampment, a statement of which is herewith annexed.

The usual annual tabular statement of the progress of the Order, in so far as returns have been made, is also annexed, but in consequence of the failure of several Grand Bodies to report, it was wholly useless to foot up the columns, inasmuch as it would exhibit no result as to the entire work of the Order. These returns, it is hoped, will be in hand in time for the revised journal, when a correct exhibit may be made upon this subject.

The invested fund of the Grand Lodge consists of

Maryland Six Per Cents, - - - - -	\$2,800 00
Wildey Loan, - - - - -	6,661 50
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	\$9,461 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the H. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1831.

LODGES.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of the Subordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of widows & Families relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amo't paid for the relief of Brothers.	Amo't paid for the relief of Wid'd Families.	Amo't paid for the Education of Orphans.	Amo't paid for burying the dead.	Total amo't of Relief.
G. L. Maryland	Baltimore.	Md.	70	2,706	56	10	79	12	8,715.15	10,757	2,012	50	135	92,725.04	213,742.59	93,520.31	57,911.62	6,211.61
G. L. Massachusetts	Boston.	Mass.	138	8,460	345	15	1,382	10	15,461.35	5,001	953	15	50	19,057.70	30,911.20	21,117.21	7,234.06	7,234.06
G. L. S. New York	N. Y. City.	N. Y.	195	9,021	1,441	32	2,281	10	147,150.10	15,872	3,053	210	192	54,216.64	9,173.70	1,000.15	7,439.34	73,799.08
G. L. Pennsylvania	Philadelphia.	Penn.	445	7,210	2,757	110	3,612	13	221,655.62	42,994	12,511	115	356	81,135.60	6,105.17	857.05	15,413.48	109,709.30
G. L. D. of Colum.	Washington.	D. Col.	13	1,230	17	1	270	11	6,420.65	1,395	375	17	17	8,713.00	1,305.35	857.05	376.52	3,710.83
G. L. Delaware	Columbus.	Del.	24	193	39	9	120	12	10,405.35	1,754	189	15	13	14,453.82	210.00	141.71	826.00	1,590.18
G. L. Ohio	Cincinnati.	Ohio	185	2,108	182	320	1,225	17	40,405.35	12,014	1,532	60	120	30,651.43	1,676.23	741.41	5,151.57	37,310.44
G. L. Indiana	Indianapolis.	Ind.	101	467	158	15	515	10	31,915.10	7,845	2,521	20	16	8,095.84	757.20	713.61	8,161.80	19,740.59
G. L. Kentucky	Louisville.	Ky.	103	900	539	51	1,053	12	30,286.65	7,200	1,731	49	51	13,586.60	450.00	739.39	2,184.40	19,740.59
G. L. Virginia	Richmond.	Va.	100	1,079	524	180	757	10	24,452.10	6,782	367	47	47	5,276.69	420.33	739.39	2,184.40	19,740.59
G. L. Indiana	Indianapolis.	Ind.	91	831	92	13	610	6	23,822.84	4,937	610	17	16	7,100.54	2,257.11	1,089.77	2,354.05	12,014.08
G. L. Mississippi	Natchez.	Miss.	44	352	93	12	530	7	17,460.90	1,651	125	11	11	1,651.00	1,651.00	150.83	1,651.00	3,452.83
G. L. Missouri	St. Louis.	Mo.	45	374	173	12	520	7	19,132.30	2,257	325	92	37	3,066.78	9,723.36	860.35	1,677.62	9,584.35
G. L. Illinois	Springfield.	Ill.	91	1,012	803	72	437	6	29,409.30	4,005	363	21	22	2,063.64	4,389.41	10.30	1,097.00	4,000.64
G. L. Alabama	Mobile.	Ala.	40	392	117	1	219	10	17,431.04	1,671	97	19	22	1,251.42	385.00	147.50	1,066.00	2,600.74
G. L. Connecticut	New Haven.	Conn.	72	590	515	15	457	7	24,675.96	6,143	746	41	41	11,417.40	674.55	191.10	1,075.61	13,490.55
G. L. Texas	Galveston.	Texas	13	180	9	1	51	5	6,664.30	992	98	4	7	461.25	39.00	30.00	275.25	716.00
G. L. S. Carolina	Charleston.	S. C.	19	235	11	64	806	7	14,117.22	1,901	227	45	19	3,039.48	2,027.50	651.37	745.00	6,465.35
G. L. Tennessee	Charleston.	Tenn.	70	235	6	17	404	9	23,667.34	2,765	139	7	13	2,643.91	444.30	61.69	2,247.07	3,465.55
G. L. N. Carolina	Wilmington.	N. C.	29	239	64	97	196	9	11,925.40	1,432	226	16	11	1,073.72	789.55	65.55	720.97	1,911.20
G. L. Georgia	Wilmington.	Gea.	42	316	191	10	215	7	13,132.06	4,792	323	16	49	7,109.35	465.40	75.50	815.00	8,064.13
G. L. Maine	Portland.	Me.	11	210	405	9	235	7	7,657.92	1,232	115	13	4	9,147.50	553.90	75.50	945.00	9,468.13
G. L. R. Island	Providence.	R. I.	15	79	131	46	139	7	3,946.41	2,544	261	5	26	4,069.05	113.50	113.50	839.50	5,011.84
G. L. N. Hampshire	Concord.	N. H.	37	848	157	42	947	6	3,946.41	2,544	261	5	26	4,069.05	113.50	113.50	839.50	5,011.84
G. L. Michigan	Detroit.	Mich.	26	574	816	44	235	6	17,431.04	2,621	439	15	28	4,201.73	977.00	1.50	613.15	5,011.84
G. L. Wisconsin	Milwaukee.	Wis.	23	666	177	30	385	5	17,431.04	2,621	439	15	28	4,201.73	977.00	1.50	613.15	5,011.84
G. L. Vermont	Montpelier.	Vt.	22	191	50	14	191	7	3,016.13	1,060	111	5	9	1,350.55	504.00	1.50	253.90	1,506.54
G. L. Iowa	Bloomington.	Iowa	30	121	4	1	191	7	1,416.35	300	21	3	9	50.11	41.60	5.00	10.00	1,506.54
G. L. Arkansas	Little Rock.	Ark.	6	74	4	1	35	1	1,416.35	300	21	3	9	50.11	41.60	5.00	10.00	1,506.54
G. L. N. York	Tallahassee.	N. Y.	405	5,340	2,033	83	2,721	22	153,761.35	25,372	3,221	130	105	40,405.35	22,000.00	370.50	4,255.25	49,771.10
G. L. Florida	Tallahassee.	Fla.	2	17	1	1	22	1	1,761.15	374	4	1	4	27.00	3,400.11	370.50	4,255.25	49,771.10
G. L. Alabama	Tallahassee.	Ala.	1	41	1	1	22	1	1,761.15	374	4	1	4	27.00	3,400.11	370.50	4,255.25	49,771.10
Minutemen.			3	41	1	1	22	1	1,761.15	374	4	1	4	27.00	3,400.11	370.50	4,255.25	49,771.10
Bandwidth Islands.			1	41	1	1	22	1	1,761.15	374	4	1	4	27.00	3,400.11	370.50	4,255.25	49,771.10
New Mexico.			1	41	1	1	22	1	1,761.15	374	4	1	4	27.00	3,400.11	370.50	4,255.25	49,771.10

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1851.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where Held.	States.	No. of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue of Subordinates.	Contributing Members.	Relief.
G. E. Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	Md.....	9	213	52	1	\$8,857 09	1304	\$5,409 50
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia....	Pa.....	103	755	163	2	92,760 85	5187	10,076 25
G. E. S. New York.....	City New York	N. York.	32	180	154	1	8,340 35	1520	2,222 35
G. E. Ohio.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio....	51	427	13	12	10,692 52	2146	3,184 08
G. E. New Jersey.....	Newark.....	N. J.....	24	92	76	2	2,951 72	830	618 81
G. E. Virginia.....	Alexandria.....	Va.....	24	175	21	18	4,321 30	982	1,054 25
G. E. South Carolina.....	Charleston.....	S. Car..	4	4	12	.....	375 31	157	36 00
G. E. Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	Mass....	26	41	135	.....	4,081 86	1474	1,856 39
G. E. Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	21	127	11	4	2,227 32	778	223 30
G. E. Maine.....	Portland.....	Me.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. New Hampshire.....	Concord.....	N. H....	7	9	9	2	553 35	341	188 00
G. E. Mississippi.....	Natchez.....	Miss....	10	37	8	.....	1,672 42	216	369 00
G. E. Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	10	54	26	1	1,171 05	283	164 00
G. E. District Columbia.....	Washington.....	D. C....	5	22	25	1	1,099 28	307	460 90
G. E. Tennessee.....	Nashville.....	Tenn....	17	82	.....	2	2,874 25	347	235 53
G. E. North Carolina.....	Wilmington.....	N. Car..	9	36	.....	1	1,240 82	286	120 00
G. E. Georgia.....	Macon.....	Ga.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana.....	New Orleans.....	La.....	8	129	69	5	3,655 66	527	365 00
G. E. Alabama.....	Mobile.....	Ala.....	11	38	5	1	756 30	106	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	Indianapolis.....	Ind.....	28	177	1	2	3,111 74	701	698 00
G. E. Michigan.....	Kalamazoo.....	Mich....	11	30	15	.....	.....	166	285 00
G. E. Rhode Island.....	Providence.....	R. I....	4	16	17	28	856 10	303	333 57
G. E. Delaware.....	Wilmington.....	Del.....	7	84	20	.....	1,143 46	278	228 00
G. E. Wisconsin.....	Southport.....	Wis.....	7	30	2	7	608 79	232	125 00
G. E. Connecticut.....	New Haven.....	Conn....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. N. New York.....	Utica.....	N. York.	65	482	198	1	10,822 60	2137	2,133 90
G. E. Illinois.....	Springfield.....	Ill.....	14	44	.....	1	922 72	221	.....
Haleyon, No. 1.....	Dubuque.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eureka, No. 2.....	Burlington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State, No. 3.....	Davenport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prairie, No. 4.....	Bloomington.....	Iowa....	7	17	.....	.....	478 60	113	.....
Good Samaritan, No. 5.....	Iowa City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa, No. 6.....	Fairfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pucketchuck, No. 7.....	Keokuk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eagle, No. 1.....	Helena.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas, No. 2.....	Little Rock.....	Ark.....	4	11	.....	.....	994 00	61	12 00
Fort Smith, No. 3.....	Fort Smith.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ecore Fabre, No. 4.....	Camden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winooskie, No. 1.....	Montpelier.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ascutney, 2.....	Windsor.....	Vt.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Mountain, No. 3.....	Middlebury.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lone Star, No. 1.....	Galveston.....	Texas....	1	.....	4	.....	93 50	20	30 00
Florida, No. 1.....	Jacksonville.....	Florida..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota, No. 1.....	St. Paul.....	Min.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....
			524	3330	1036	92	\$96,562 39	21,030	\$31,044 15

The * denotes no report; † no report 4 or two years; ‡ no report since opened in 1846; § just opened

ANDREW E WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

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1850.		
Sept. 17.	To cash on hand.....	\$229 73
"	To Wildey fund on hand from last report.....	1,763 04
"	To cash from sale of Ohio State Stock.....	6,464 00
1850-'51.	To cash Wildey fund.....	258 00
"	To cash from Grand Secretary.....	13,477 90
"	To cash from Grand Secretary.....	10,290 68
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		\$32,489 35
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1850.		
Sept. 17.	By cash to J. D. Chapman, per diem and mileage.....	\$40 32
Sept. 20.	By cash to George Brown, per diem and mileage.....	30 84
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Hefley, for printing.....	127 87
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Jones, for sweeping room.....	9 50
Sept. 20.	By cash to D. N. Barrows, per diem and mileage.....	87 96
Sept. 20.	By cash to S. Colfax, per diem and mileage.....	39 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to P. P. Abell, per diem and mileage.....	78 42
Sept. 20.	By cash to R. Green, per diem and mileage.....	18 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. M. Willey, per diem and mileage.....	73 50
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. A. Connely, per diem and mileage.....	120 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. A. Manchester, per diem and mileage.....	78 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Libby, per diem and mileage.....	42 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. W. Hale, per diem and mileage.....	72 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to S. Brown, per diem and mileage.....	82 50
Sept. 20.	By cash to S. Colfax, per diem and mileage.....	36 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to S. Meredith, per diem and mileage.....	28 20
Sept. 20.	By cash to R. O. Shaw, per diem and mileage.....	123 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to W. H. Rice, per diem and mileage.....	107 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to W. H. Rice, per diem and mileage.....	98 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. C. Larue, per diem and mileage.....	96 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. C. Larue, per diem and mileage.....	107 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to E. M. P. Wells, per diem and mileage.....	66 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. D. Andrews, per diem and mileage.....	96 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Chester, per diem and mileage.....	50 16
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. H. Bonney, per diem and mileage.....	120 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. F. Askew, per diem and mileage.....	61 32
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Libby, per diem and mileage.....	39 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to W. B. Magruder, per diem and mileage.....	50 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to F. D. Stuart, per diem and mileage.....	62 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to F. D. Stuart, per diem and mileage.....	50 40
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Stewart, per diem and mileage.....	114 60
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, mileage.....	42 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Narine, per diem and mileage.....	123 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to J. Hale, per diem and mileage.....	00 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. A. Crane, per diem and mileage.....	90 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to R. H. Griffin, per diem and mileage.....	90 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. A. Crane, per diem and mileage.....	102 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to R. H. Griffin, per diem and mileage.....	102 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. Holmes, per diem and mileage.....	39 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to H. Holmes, per diem and mileage.....	30 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to C. M. Vallean, per diem and mileage.....	42 00
Sept. 20.	By cash to C. M. Vallean, per diem and mileage.....	39 00

Sept. 20,	By cash to S. A. Corneau, per diem and mileage.....	42 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. A. Corneau, per diem and mileage.....	39 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to E. Y. Steele, per diem and mileage.....	39 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to E. Y. Steele, per diem and mileage.....	36 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. F. Bayley, per diem and mileage.....	163 80
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. M. H. Brunet, per diem and mileage.....	67 80
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. P. Smith, per diem and mileage.....	57 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. D. Tewksbury, per diem and mileage.....	57 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. W. Woodward, per diem and mileage..	100 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. Brown, per diem and mileage.....	79 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to F. R. Chase, per diem and mileage.....	153 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. E. Sandford, per diem and mileage.....	74 22
Sept. 20,	By cash to F. S. Garritt, per diem and mileage.....	81 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. A. Manchester, per diem and mileage.....	75 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. D. Tewksbury, per diem and mileage.....	60 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to P. P. Abell, per diem and mileage.....	75 42
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. B. Magruder, per diem and mileage.....	62 40
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. G. Potts, per diem and mileage.....	60 60
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. H. Williams, per diem and mileage.....	148 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to B. Kingsbury, per diem and mileage.....	148 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to B. M. Flint, per diem and mileage.....	178 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. L. Webster, per diem and mileage.....	75 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to A. B. Currier, per diem and mileage.....	79 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. M. Wheeler, per diem and mileage.....	135 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to B. Conley, per diem and mileage.....	100 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. B. Frost, per diem and mileage.....	75 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. Read, per diem and mileage.....	64 80
Sept. 20,	By cash to R. Williams, per diem and mileage.....	36 60
Sept. 20,	By cash to A. B. Ely, per diem and mileage.....	135 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to D. D. Bernard, per diem and mileage.....	123 24
Sept. 20,	By cash to F. A. Ward, per diem and mileage.....	123 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to D. D. Egan, per diem and mileage.....	69 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. L. Page, per diem and mileage.....	100 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to D. C. Trippe, per diem and mileage.....	106 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to E. Wakely, per diem and mileage.....	60 60
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. Penny, per diem and mileage.....	232 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. C. McEwen, per diem and mileage.....	41 16
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. Ellison, per diem and mileage.....	75 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to M. Woodruff, per diem and mileage.....	209 40
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. N. Stokes, per diem and mileage.....	63 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. Curtis, per diem and mileage.....	63 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. Wood, per diem and mileage.....	64 80
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. Y. Beebe, per diem and mileage.....	52 20
Sept. 20,	By cash to C. S. Vennigerholtz, per diem and mileage....	90 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. B. Smith, per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. Brown, per diem and mileage.....	27 84
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. F. Chamberlain, mileage.....	42 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. S. Martin, per diem and mileage.....	165 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. F. Smith, per diem and mileage.....	61 32
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. F. Smith, per diem and mileage.....	64 32
Sept. 20,	By cash to E. M. Fitch, per diem and mileage.....	50 88
Sept. 20,	By cash to A. E. Warner, mileage.....	84 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, incidental expenses.....	37 76
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. K. Reed, per resolution of G. L. U. S.....	15 00
Oct. 1,	By cash to J. M. H. Brunet, per diem and mileage.....	70 80
Oct. 1,	By cash to W. Bayley, per diem and mileage.....	57 00
Oct. 1,	By cash to W. Bayley, per diem and mileage.....	60 00
Oct. 7,	By cash to A. S. Kellogg, per diem and mileage.....	35 88
Oct. 7,	By cash to A. S. Kellogg, per diem and mileage.....	32 52
Oct. 10,	By cash to J. L. Ridgely, per special appropriation.....	50 00
Oct. 10,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, per special appropriation..	30 00
Oct. 10,	By cash to J. L. Ridgely, mileage.....	42 00

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Oct. 15.	By cash to S. H. Lewyt, per diem and mileage.....	60 00
Oct. 15.	By draft on P. C. Dibble, returned and protested.....	1,773 37
Oct. 15.	By cost of protest.....	1 50
Oct. 19.	By cash to Adams & Co. Western Express.....	20 25
Oct. 22.	By cash to H. F. Askew, per diem and mileage.....	64 32
Oct. 25.	By cash to Q. B. Dason, filling up charter.....	5 00
Oct. 29.	By cash to S. H. Lewyt, per diem and mileage.....	57 00
Oct. 31.	By cash to F. S. Garrett, per diem and mileage.....	72 00
Oct. 31.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	13 00
Nov. 4.	By cash for insurance on furniture.....	8 80
Nov. 14.	By cash to J. J. Davies, per diem and mileage.....	69 00
Dec. 2.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary.....	125 00
Dec. 3.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	6 87
Dec. 3.	By cash to A. S. Abell & Co., for advertising.....	8 50
Dec. 3.	By cash to advertising in Public Ledger.....	8 50
Dec. 3.	By cash to J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300 00
Dec. 16.	By cash to J. Neagle, for portrait of P. G. S. Kneass.....	101 00
Dec. 28.	By cash to J. Young, for printing.....	200 00
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Jan. 6.	By cash to N. P. Andrews, per diem and mileage.....	107 40
Jan. 21.	By cash to Hayward, Bartlett & Co., repairing stove.....	10 50
Feb. 10.	By cash to F. H. B. Boyd, for boxes.....	19 75
Feb. 12.	By cash to James Young, for printing.....	454 80
Mar. 1.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary.....	125 00
Mar. 1.	By cash to T. Willey, annuity.....	45 00
Mar. 3.	By cash to H. W. Clark, per diem.....	18 00
Mar. 3.	By cash to H. W. Clark, per diem.....	15 00
Mar. 3.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	21 14
Mar. 3.	By cash to E. S. Fryer, for ornamented frame.....	7 00
Mar. 3.	By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary.....	300 00
May 1.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	14 03
May 16.	By cash to L. Bonsal, for binding.....	120 06
May 20.	By cash to J. Young, for printing.....	76 80
June 2.	By cash to J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300 00
June 2.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, one quarter's salary.....	125 00
June 24.	By cash to L. Bonsal, for binding.....	240 00
June 26.	By cash to J. Young, for printing.....	200 00
June 30.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	12 10
July 7.	By cash to J. Young, republication of journal.....	20 00
July 7.	By cash to collecting draft.....	00 66
Aug. 12.	By cash to S. Sandys, for engraving card plate.....	125 00
Aug. 16.	By cash to J. Young, republication of journal.....	50 00
Aug. 23.	By cash to S. Sandys, for printing cards.....	300 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to J. L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, do. and postage.....	142 29
Sept. 1.	By cash to J. Young, for printing.....	234 14
Sept. 1.	By cash to A. E. Warner, salary.....	300 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to collecting drafts.....	2 16
Sept. 1.	By cash to L. Bonsal, for ledger.....	7 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to Grand Lodge of Md.....	540 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery.....	77 36
Sept. 1.	By cash to W. Curtis, for Digests.....	37 50
Sept. 1.	By cash to J. W. Hunt, per diem and mileage.....	117 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to T. M. Abbott, per diem and mileage.....	99 00
Sept. 1.	By cash to E. M. P. Wells, per diem and mileage.....	75 00
Sept. 9.	By cash to S. Sandys, for printing cards.....	324 24
Sept. 15.	By cash to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	3 00
Sept. 1.	By cash on hand.....	16,862 59

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The report was referred, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. New York, to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved that two thousand extra copies of the report be printed.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to amend by striking out "two thousand copies," and inserting "one thousand copies."

The question being on the amendment, it was adopted, and the resolution as amended was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the resolution on page 1397 Vol. III., of the printed proceedings, amending the 15th art. of the rules of order, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Jennings, of Ala., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to report upon the propriety and expediency of restricting the business of State Grand Bodies to the immediate representatives from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the previous question, which was not seconded.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Kennedy to amend—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject, which was agreed to.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, of Indiana, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, directing said Jefferson Lodge to pay benefits to Bro. J. N. Myers, who had taken his withdrawal card, ask leave to report, that in the opinion of your committee the action of Jefferson Lodge in refusing payment of benefits was correct, and sustained by the decision of this Grand Lodge. See Digest, Art. 7, clause 6, page 36, expressly declaring that the granting of a withdrawal card severs the connexion of a brother with the Order, whether taken or not. The committee submit the following resolution.

WM. ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in the case of Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, be reversed.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. W. S. Howard against the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, report: On the 1st of August, 1847, James M. Scantland, a member of

Nashville Lodge, No. 2, was suspended for non-payment of dues. He was taken sick September 12th, 1847. On the 20th of January 1848, whilst sick, he made application and was reinstated to membership in the Lodge. On the 12th July, 1849, after he had been paid \$70 as sick benefits, the Lodge passed a resolution that they had unconstitutionally, and in ignorance of the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, paid Bro. Scantland sick benefits, which he was not justly entitled to and that the Lodge cannot, agreeably to a decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, recognise him as a beneficial member of the Lodge, from the fact of his having been suspended for non-payment of dues, and while suspended taken sick, and had continued sick up to the time of the action of the Lodge in July, 1849. An appeal from this action was taken to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and the decision of Nashville Lodge was sustained.

The action of the Lodge was based upon the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as found on page 1318 journal of September session, 1848, "that in case a brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of his own subordinate from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted, while he continues sick, to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits."

As brother Scantland was reinstated eight months before the foregoing decision of this body, which was not retroactive in its operation, we are of the opinion that the brother was not illegally re-instated, and submit the following resolution.

WM. ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in the matter appealed from by P. G. M. W. S. Howard, be reversed.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, relative to the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, report:

That this subject has repeatedly occupied the attention of this body, and the action had thereupon may be found in vol. 2 of the journal, pages 775, 803, 852, 874, 918, 963, 1063, in which applications from that Grand Encampment similar to the one now presented have been assented to; but inasmuch as this application partakes of the character of a petition, the committee are of opinion it should appropriately go before the committee upon that subject, and therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That article 5 of division third, page 43 of Digest, be amended by striking out the words "and right to vote for Grand Officers."

Rep. Magruder, of D. of Col., moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That each State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge shall have power so to restrict the rights and privileges of Past Grands as to deprive them of the right to vote for Grand Officers.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word "resolved" and insert. "That State Grand Bodies be required to make laws allowing all Past Grands to vote for Grand Officers, under such regulations as they may in their constitutions prescribe."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., to the amendment of Rep. Magruder, of D. of Col.,

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., raised a point of order, that the amendment being a mere reiteration of existing law, was out of order.

The Chair ruled the amendment to be in order.

The question again being on the amendment of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., it was not agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. of C., Barnard, Bebee, (2 votes,) Cassady, Chester, Clayton, (2 votes,) Conley, Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Dibble, Emerson, Hardie, Hinsdale, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Kinsbury, Langworthy, McLain, Marley, Narine, Nixon, Russell, Seymour, Senter, Shaw, Simes, (2 votes,) Skinner, Small, Stuart, D. of C., Taylor, Trippe, Ward, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Woodruff—43.

NAYS—Abbott, Baldwin, (2 votes,) Bonney, Colfax, Crutcher, Danley, Ellison, Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gear, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, (2 votes,) Hills, Jennings, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Morton, Munday, Papy, Perkins, Pindle, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stewart of Del., Vansant, Washington, Wells, Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes,) Worthington—45.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Magruder, of D. of Col.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., moved to amend it as follows:

Resolved, That State Grand Bodies shall have the power so to amend their constitutions as to permit the members of Subordinates within its jurisdiction, or the Past Grands, Past Chief Patriarchs, or High Priests, to vote for State Grand Officers, in regular Lodge or Encampment meetings; such amendments to be subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., moved the previous question, which, being seconded, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, Will the Lodge adopt the resolution moved by Rep. Ely, of Mass., in words following:

"That Article 5 of Division third, page 43 of Digest, be amended by striking out the words *'and right to vote for Grand Officers.'*"

Rep. Skinner, of Pa., inquired whether the vote now to be taken required a majority or two-thirds for its passage. The Chair decided that a majority vote was only necessary.

The question again being on the resolution of Rep. Ely, of Mass., it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbett, Bayly, of D. of C., Bonney, Ely, Fitzhugh, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, (2 votes,) Hills, Jennings, Magruder, Martin, Perkins, Potts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Stewart, of Del., Vansant, Washington, (2 votes,) Wells, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes,) Worthington.—25.

NAYS—Anners, Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, Bebee, (2 votes,) Cassady, Chester, Clayton, (2 votes,) Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, DeSaussure, Dibble, Emerson, Ellison, Gear, Hardie, Hinsdale, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Kingsbury, Langworthy, McLain, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Meredith, Mitchell, Morton, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Papy, Russell, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Senter, Shaw, Simes, (2 votes,) Skinner, Snall, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., Taylor, Trippe, Ward, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff.—61.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of Col., moved the following amendment to the Rules of Order, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the 37th rule of order be so amended as to read as follows, viz: The previous question shall not cut off pending amendments, but under its operation the question shall be first taken on them in proper order.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 5th of Division 3 of the Digest is to be construed so as to allow Grand Lodges to make laws allowing Past Grandes to vote for Grand Lodge Officers without being obliged to be at the session of said Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Stuart, of Dis. of Col., to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, it was agreed to.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That members of this Grand Lodge during the present session shall be limited in speeches to ten minutes each, and that no member shall speak oftener than twice on the same constitutional amendment, except by unanimous consent of the lodge.

Rep. Abbett, of Md., asked whether the proposition was not a proposition to change the rules, and, if so, whether it did not lie on the table under the rule? The Chair answered in the affirmative, and the proposition was accordingly laid on the table.

Rep. Abbett, of Md., moved the following amendment to the rules of order, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

Resolved, That the Rule of Order as stated on page 80 section 37 of the Digest be so amended as to read: The effect of the previous question is to arrest debate, and to cause the question to be taken immediately, on all amendments pending, beginning with the last.

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the first day of the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge a committee of five shall be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of abolishing the Grand Encampments, and merging the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges.

Pending the consideration of which, by unanimous consent,

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, one copy of the proceedings of that body to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and one copy to each State Grand Lodge under its jurisdiction.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the resolution of Rep. Pindell, of Ky., pending which—

On motion of Rep. Stuart, of D. of C., the Lodge agreed to take a recess until 1 o'clock.

ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order of recess.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the time of recess, to wit, the resolution of Rep. Pindell, of Ky., as follows:

Resolved, That on the first day of the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge a committee of five shall be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of abolishing the Grand Encampments, and merging the Subordinate Encampments into the Subordinate Lodges.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. Magruder, of D. of C., moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, was put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Pindell, of Ky.?" which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Abbott, Baldwin, Bayly, of D. of C., Bebee, Bonney, Cassady, Colfax, Conley, Crutcher, Danley, Emerson, Gyles, Hale, Hackleman, Hardie, Hinsdale, Kingsbury, Langworthy, Magruder, Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Narine, Nixon, Pindell, Sanford, Senter, Shaw, (2 votes,) Simes, (2 votes,) Taylor, Trippe, Vennigerholz, Woodruff—36.

NAYS.—Anners, Askew, Barnard, Chester, Chidsey, Clayton, Curtis, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Dibble, Ellison, Ely, Fitzhugh, Gear, Hills, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, McLain, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, (2 votes,) Morton, Munday, Papy, Penny, (2 votes,) Perkins, (2 votes,) Potts, E. C. Robinson, Seymour, Skinner, (2 votes,) Small, Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. of C., Stewart, of Del., Vansant, Ward, Washington, Wells, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes,)—49.

Rep. Washington, of N. C., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine relative to the recent action of this Grand Lodge touching the prerogatives of P. G. Sires, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that, in the opinion of the committee, said resolutions were intended as instructions to the Representatives from that State, and are not properly a subject of legislation by this Grand Body. Be this as it may, however, the subject is now pending before this Grand Lodge in the form of an amendment to its constitution.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Washington, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the resolution and inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, (page 1710 printed proceedings,) have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that in the opinion of this committee the indexes usually appended to the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge entirely dispense with the necessity of having the synopsis contemplated by the resolution.

As to the *inquiry* submitted, this committee do not believe that it falls legitimately within the province of their duties, but devolves more properly upon the Committee on the State of the Order. They therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Washington, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Senter, of N. H., have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That, after the most careful consideration, they have been unable to discover any argument in favor of its adoption. On the contrary, this committee are unanimously of the opinion that subordinate Lodges most clearly have no right to refuse their members visiting cards, to decline accepting their dues, or refuse to pay them benefits, for the reasons assigned by the resolution. For, should the right be conceded to a subordinate Lodge to lay these restrictions upon members going to California, it could not be refused in the case of a member going to a neighboring county or State—the consequence of which would be to annihilate at once the primary objects of the Or-

der. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
B. CONLEY.

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Rep. Senter, of N. H., on page 1712 of the printed proceedings, be and the same is hereby rejected.

Rep. Chester, of Mich., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the protest from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York, respectfully report:

That at the last annual communication the fact that many of the Grand Bodies under your jurisdiction had refused or neglected to pay the assessment levied upon them induced your honorable body to vindicate your authority, and to compel their obedience to your mandate, thus placing said Grand Bodies in a most humiliating position, from which the Grand Lodge of Northern New York escaped by (through her representatives) *authorizing* your Grand Secretary to draw upon her Grand Treasurer for the amount of her indebtedness, and made this quasi payment a matter of proud gratulation.

The said draft was dishonored, and until the 30th June last entirely unavailable to your treasurer, when it was paid, together with \$84 22 for interest, protest and exchange, which amount you are requested to return

Your committee see no reason why the Grand Lodge of Northern New York should not protect its own paper, and bear all expenses growing out of its dishonor, and find no circumstance attending the transaction which calls for relief at your hands, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN CRICKARD.

On motion, the Lodge proceeded to the Order of the day, being the consideration of pending amendments to the constitution.

The first proposed amendment, being as follows, was considered:

Article 1, insert after the word "it," in the 10th line, the following: "It has not the power to recall or annul the charter, warrant, or dispensation of a State Grand Body, issued by its authority, nor can it resume any of the authority delegated by it to said State Grand Bodies, except for acts in violation of its laws or the usages of the Order. It has not the power to alter the charter or divide the territory of any State Grand Body, without the consent of said Grand Body being first obtained, nor can it impose any tax or raise revenue from State Grand Bodies, except in the manner and form as prescribed in this constitution."

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved the indefinite postponement of the proposed amendment, which was agreed to.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 1. Strike out the words "*original and exclusive*," in the 3rd and 4th

lines; also, strike out the 5th and 6th lines, to wit, "*It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America,*" together with the following clause, commencing on the 9th line, "*and derive their authority from it.*"

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Senter, of N. H., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 1. Amend second sentence so as to read, "*It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in the peculiar work of Odd Fellowship in the United States of America.*"

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 1. Strike out the whole article and insert: "*This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as are provided in this constitution, and none other. All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and cannot legally exist without its sanction. With the consent of any Grand Lodge or Encampment it may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled or suspended Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its charter, books, and effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Encampment. To it belongs the exclusive power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Odd-Fellowship; and also the exclusive power to publish all books or papers relating to the work of the Order, or any part thereof, and all cards, diplomas, and certificates connected with the Order. It has power to establish Lodges or Encampments in States, Districts, Territories, and foreign countries, where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, and to regulate the intercourse between the Order under its territorial jurisdiction and the Order in foreign countries.*"

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 2. Amend by striking out the words "*Secretary and Grand*" after the word "*Recording,*" in the 2d and 3d lines, and insert the word "*and.*"

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Senter, of N. H., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 2. Amend by inserting at the end thereof the following words: "*And seven Lecturers. Said Lecturers shall be triennially elected by a majority of the votes of this Grand Lodge, and shall be respectively residents of different States, and shall remain so during their term of office. Said Lecturers shall have attained the R. P. degree, and be Past Grands in good standing, and shall possess such other qualifications as shall be from time to time determined by this Grand Lodge. Said Lecturers shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the work of the Order, subject only to the revision of the Grand Lodge of the State wherein their power may be exercised.*"

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C.:

Article 3. Strike out all before the word "*Lodge,*" in the seventh line, and insert: "*The elective officers shall be Most Worthy Grand Sir, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sir, Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially, at the stated meetings of this Grand Lodge in September.*"

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was, on motion of Rep. Senter, of N. H., indefinitely postponed:

Article 3. Amend by adding: "There shall also be elected a Judiciary Committee, composed of twelve members, before whom all questions between State and District Grand Bodies and the Grand Lodge of the United States, arising out of different constructions of the constitution, shall be adjudicated. The members of this committee must have the royal purple degree, and be Past Grands in good standing, but shall not be members or officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall possess no rights or authority therein, except in the particular duty herein assigned them. Seven members of this committee shall constitute a quorum for business. No more than two members shall be elected from any one State or jurisdiction composing the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor shall any member of this committee be competent to sit in judgment upon any case in which his State or district is interested."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 3. Strike out the following words in the 8th line: "at the stated meeting next ensuing," and insert "the next day after."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Senter, of N. H., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 3. Strike out the following words in the 12th line: "at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers," and insert "immediately after the installation of the elective Grand Officers."

The next proposed amendment was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., was indefinitely postponed, viz:

Article 3. After the word "biennially," in the 4th line, add the words "during the first day of the session."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, when, on motion of Rep. Seymour, of S. C., it was indefinitely postponed:

Article 13. "In all elections by ballot, after the second balloting, all names except those of the highest three candidates shall be dropped from the list."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 4. Strike out the 5th and 6th lines and substitute the following: "The Grand Sire, in connexion with seven Right Worthy Grand Representatives, who shall be duly elected by ballot by this body at each election, shall constitute a Grand Executive Council, for the exercise of a general superintendence over the interests of the Order during the recess of this body."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Annors, of Pa., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 4. Amend by striking out the sentence commencing with the 5th line, and inserting "he shall enforce the laws of this Grand Lodge and make report at the next meeting of his acts and doings."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Shaw, of La., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 6. Amend by inserting after the word "Recording," in the first line, "and Corresponding," and strike out after the word "Grand" in the first line, second section, the word "Corresponding."

The next proposed amendment was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Woodruff, of Ga., was indefinitely postponed, viz:

Article 6. Amend by striking out all after the word "services," in the 9th line, and insert "twelve hundred dollars."

The next proposed amendment was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., was indefinitely postponed, viz:

Article 7. Amend by adding after the word "accounts," "and shall receive one hundred dollars for his services."

By unanimous consent, Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Belcher from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, upon the question "whether it is necessary to obtain permission of the Lodge to withdraw an application for membership prior to the report of the committee?" report, that the State Grand Bodies are perfectly competent to decide questions of that character, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Master James D. Stewart, in behalf of a minority in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in relation to the refusal of said Grand Lodge to grant a charter for a subordinate Lodge to be located at Vernon, would ask leave to report, that in their opinion a State Grand Body has an undoubted right to refuse to grant a charter upon application. The committee believe, in the case referred to in this appeal, the refusal of the Grand Lodge was a judicious exercise of its power. The committee subjoin the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. Master James D. Stewart be not sustained.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the protest of P. G. C. Theodore Vennigerholz, of Mississippi, against the action

of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi, relative to the proposed removal of that body from Natchez to Vicksburg, as provided for in the constitution of that R. W. Grand Lodge, would ask leave to report, that in their opinion the subject more properly comes before the Committee on Constitutions, and would ask leave to have it so referred.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, pending which, the time fixed for adjournment having arrived, (3½ o'clock P. M.) the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, eight o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Upon motion, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session for instruction in the work.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Sept. 18—Nine o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. G. Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Correspondence respectfully report: That after having closely examined the voluminous correspondence submitted to them, they find nothing requiring the particular attention of the Grand Lodge at this time, most of the subjects suggested having been already anticipated by legislative action. The tone of correspondence generally expresses the highest confidence and reliance in the principles of the Order, and the deepest interest in the management of the political portion of its machinery of government.

G. P. SMITH,
E. C. ROBINSON,
H. O. MANCHESTER.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Lodges not represented, to whom was

referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relative to the petition of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, soliciting contributions for the purpose of erecting an Odd Fellows' Hall in Honolulu, beg leave to report:

That, from information derived from the papers submitted to them, and by having an interview with Bro. Webster, the delegate from that Lodge, they are placed in possession of the following facts, viz: That Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu, has distributed a very large amount of money for the relief of the sick and distressed citizens of the United States, members of the Order, (who have sojourned there and visited the Island,) more than the total amount of the receipts of the Lodge, and that they have expended a large amount individually for the same purpose, and that there is a constantly increasing draft upon their resources for the same objects; that the building which they at present occupy as a lodge room is merely a one-story house, built of dried mud, covered with a grass roof, totally unfit for their accommodation, and entirely unsuitable for the purposes of the Order. In consideration of the above facts, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. POTTS,
J. H. WILLIAMS,
JAMES MITCHELL.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer be a committee to procure and forward to Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, the frame and materials for erecting and completing a building devoted to the purposes of Odd-Fellowship, and for the use and benefit of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the following dimensions, to wit, to be two stories in height, twenty-five feet in width, by fifty feet in length, at an expense not exceeding _____ dollars, the same to remain the property of this Grand Lodge until paid for, but to be used and occupied by Excelsior Lodge, free from the payment of rent, on condition that that lodge shall keep the same insured and in repair.

Resolved, That the Grand Masters of the various Grand Lodges of this jurisdiction be requested, immediately after the receipt by them of this resolution, to issue notice to the various Subordinate Lodges, soliciting, for the relief of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, the contribution of a sum not exceeding one dollar from each Subordinate Lodge, and transmit the same directly to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, at Baltimore, at their earliest convenient time, to be appropriated by him to the payment of the debts due by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, for said building, and the surplus, if any, to be remitted to said lodge, as trustee, for the sole and exclusive purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of travelling brothers in those far distant islands of the sea, and to be used for no other purpose.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions, at the earliest practicable moment, to the Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions, and also to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and request their early attention to the subject.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., asked and obtained leave of absence for his colleague, Rep. Morton, of Tenn., for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Perkins, of Mo., presented a revised copy of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., presented an appeal from that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved to suspend the special order of the day, which was not agreed to.

The Lodge then resumed the consideration of the special order, being the business pending at the adjournment of the morning session, to wit, the proposed amendments to the constitution.

The proposed amendment now in order, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 7. Amend by adding that "the Treasurer shall receive for his ordinary services the sum of four hundred dollars per year."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Cassady, of N. J., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 8. Strike out all after the word "Lodge," where it occurs in the second line.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows:

Article 8. Strike out this article, and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not Representatives."

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved its indefinite postponement.

Rep. Nixon, of La., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put in form following: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

At this stage of the proceedings—

Rep. Ely, of Mass., asked "What would be the main question, if the previous question was carried?"

The Chair answered that the main question would be upon the adoption of the proposed amendment to the constitution.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" as above stated, and it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Chester, Clayton, Conley, Crickard, DeSaussure, Emerson, Hale, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Kingsbury, Munday, Pindell, Remington, Seymour, Skinner, Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., Vennigerholz, Washington, Williams, of Me., Winslow, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff—26

NAYS—Abbott, Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. C., Barnard, Bebee, Cassady, Chase, Chidsey, Colfax, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, Dibble, Ellison, Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gear, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, (2 votes,) Hills, Hinsdale, Jennings, Langworthy, McLain, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Martin, (2 votes,) Meredith, Mitchell, Narine, Nixon, Papy, Penny, Perkins, Potts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Russell, G. S. Sanford,

Senter, Shaw, Simes, Small, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Stewart, of Del., Taylor, Trippe, Vansant, Ward, Wells, Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodward, of Ill., Worthington—64.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows:

Article 10. "All vacancies occurring in the office of Representatives of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment during a recess, may be filled in such manner as the State or District Grand Bodies may prescribe by law."

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., indefinitely to postpone the same—

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbett, Anners, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, Bebee, Cassady, Chester, Childsey, Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, Dibble, Fitzhugh, Gear, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hardie, (2v.) Hills, Hinsdale, (2v.) Jennings, Kempton, Kellogg, McLain, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Martin, (2 votes,) Meredith, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, Papy, Penny, Pindell, (2 votes,) Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Russell, G S. Sanford, (2 votes,) Seymour, Senter, Shaw, Simes, (2 votes,) Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stewart, of Del., Taylor, Trippe, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Ward, Wells, Williams, of Me., Winslow, Wood, Woodruff, Worthington—69.

NAYS—Askew, Bayly, of D. C., Clayton, (2 votes,) Ellison, Ely, Hale, Kennedy, Magruder, Nixon, Perkins, Skinner, Small, Stuart, of D. C., Williams, of Ohio, Woodward, of Mo., Woodward, of Ill.—17.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Meredith, of Ind., was adopted by a constitutional majority:

Article 10. Amend by inserting after the word "degree" in the 3d line, "and a contributing member of a Subordinate Encampment."

On motion of Rep. Skinner, of Pa., the Lodge agreed to take a recess until 1 o'clock.

ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge re assembled pursuant to the order of recess.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, relative to the removal of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, be withdrawn from the Committee on the State of the Order and referred to the Committee on Petitions, in accordance with a report on the subject made by the former committee.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the communication from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, found on page 1660 of the proceedings of last session, be taken up and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred sundry documents purporting to be sundry constitutions, viz: from "Grand Lodge of Maryland," from "Grand Lodge of Louisiana," from "Grand Lodge of Northren New York," from "Grand Encampment of Northern New York," would report that all of them do not come properly authenticated, some being without seal. The committee would therefore respectfully recommend that these documents be returned to their different Grand Bodies, and that the Grand Bodies be instructed to return such constitutions properly authenticated to the next session of this Grand Lodge. They would remark that some of these constitutions contain provisions at variance with the laws of the Order.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Rep. Askew, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, respectfully report:

That, after a careful examination of the same, they propose to amend the 6th article thereof so as to permit *all Past Grands* in good standing in their jurisdiction to vote at all elections for Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with sec. 5, art. 1, page 43 of Digest. They therefore submit the attached resolution.

The committee would also respectfully ask the attention of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to some errors of opinion upon the laws of the Order contained in "the Digest of the decisions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia," attached to their constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia be instructed to amend their constitution in accordance with the preceding report.

Rep. Askew, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred sundry amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the constitution and amendments, and, finding nothing therein contrary to the rules of the Order, recommend that they be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Rep. Askew, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution and amendments of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 8, located near Pensacola, State of Florida, beg leave to report:

That, as the State of Florida has now a Grand Lodge, they therefore recommend that the constitution of Mechanics' Lodge be referred to that State jurisdiction, and ask to be released from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Rep. Askew, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the constitution of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined it, and recommend the approval of the following:

In article 1, section 1, to erase the words "*of the Past Grands*" where it occurs in the 10th line of printed constitution.

In article 1, section 3d, to erase the word "*legislative*," in the first and seventh lines, and add after the word sessions in the last line the words, "provided that this section shall not be construed to deprive Past Grands from speaking and voting at the election of Grand Officers."

In article 1, section 4, to erase the words "Past Grands" where they occur in the second line.

In article 1, section 5, to erase the words "the Past Grands of" in the first line, and insert the words "Past Grands" after the word "one" in the second line.

In article 3d, to erase the words "Past Grands and" in the twentieth line, and also in the forty seventh line.

In article 3d, section 3d, erase the words included after the words "lodges" in the fourth line, to the word "and" in the sixth line.

In article 3d, section 1st, erase the word "July" in the fourth line, and insert "May" in the place thereof, and erase the word "January" in the forty-fifth line, and insert "November" in the place thereof.

On the resolution presented by Grand Rep. Curtis, of Pa., the committee beg leave to report that they deem it impolitic in this Grand Lodge to recommend changes in the *constitutions* of State Grand Bodies, unless they are at variance with the principles and work of the Order, or unless an application for change shall be made by the State Grand Bodies.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Rep. Askew, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the amendments to this constitution, and find nothing except of a local character, and not incompatible with the rules of the Order. They therefore respectfully recommend the approval of the amendments by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., by unanimous consent, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 1743 of the journal, which was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., was recommitted to the Committee on Appeals.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of recess, to wit, pending amendments to the constitution.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 10. Amend by striking out the present form of certificate, and adding after the words "elected or appointed," occurring in the 8th line of the section as per Digest, the following, "and must be furnished with a satisfactory certificate of such election or appointment, the form of which may be prescribed by law."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson of Va., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 10. Amend by inserting after the word "appointed," where it occurs in the second line, the following: "Any vacancy which shall happen may be filled by the election or appointment of a Representative for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs. Representatives shall be furnished with suitable certificates, the form of which shall be prescribed by law." And by striking out that portion of the article commencing with the words "and must be furnished," and ending with the words "Grand Scribe," all inclusive.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 10. Amend the last clause by striking out the word "one," where it occurs before the word "thousand," and insert "two," and insert after the word "vote," in the 4th line from the bottom, "and one additional vote for every additional five thousand."

Rep. Meredith, of Indiana moved to postpone the proposition indefinitely.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbott, Anners, Curtis, (2 votes,) Marley, (2 votes,) Russell, Skinner, Vansant, Ward—10.

NAYS—Askew, Baldwin, Bayly, of D. C., Barnard, Bebee, Casady, Chester, (2 votes,) Chidsey, Clayton, Colfax, Conley, Crickard, (2 votes,) Crutcher, Danley, Dibble, Ellison, (2 votes,) Farish, Fitzhugh, Gear, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hale, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, (2 votes,) Hills, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) Langworthy, McLain, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Penny, Perkins, (2 votes,) Potts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Shaw, Small, Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., Taylor, Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wells, Williams of Ohio, Winslow, (2 votes,) Wood, Woodruff, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes,) Worthington—71.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 10. Amend by adding after the word "vote," in the fourth line from the bottom, the following: "And no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the same time."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 10. Strike out the words "more than one thousand members, one additional vote;" and instead thereof insert as follows: "One thousand members, two votes; five thousand members, three votes; and for each additional five thousand members, one additional vote; but no Grand Body shall be entitled to more than two Representatives. Should the Representatives vote on different sides, the excess of votes beyond one for each shall not be counted."

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved to postpone the amendment indefinitely.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution," which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbott, Anners, Barnard, Bebee, Bonney, Chidsey, Clayton, Curtis, (2 votes,) Dibble, Hale, Hardie, Kennedy, McLain,

Marley, (2 votes,) Mitchell, Russell, Skinner, Small, Vansant, Ward, Williams, of Ohio—23.

YAYS—Askew, Baldwin, Cassady, Chase, Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Ellison, (2 votes,) Farish, Fitzhugh, Gear, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, (2 votes,) Hills, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kempton, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, (2 votes,) Langworthy, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Papy, Perkins, Pindle, Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Sanford, Seymour, Shaw, Simes, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., (2 votes,) Taylor, Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wells, Williams, of Me., Winslow, (2 votes,) Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff, Worthington—63.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved that the Grand Lodge, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock this evening. This was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Ellison, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to procure for this body a portrait of Past Grand Sire Robert H. Griffin would ask leave to submit the following resolution. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILSON SMALL,
JAMES M. CASSADY.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses for a Portrait of Past Grand Sire Robert H. Griffin, when the same shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in the city of Baltimore.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Ellison, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider and report upon the propriety and expediency of refunding, or placing to the credit of each State Grand Body, the amounts received from them as assessment tax, which was levied by this R. W. Body at the annual session of September, 1849.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gear, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hardie, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kempton, Kellogg, Langworthy, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Nixon, Papy, Penny, (2 votes,) Perkins, Pindle, Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Senter, Shaw, Simes, (2 votes,) Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., (2 votes,) Trippe, Vennigerholz, Washington, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes,) Worthington—51.

NAYS—Abbott, Anners, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebee, Bonney, Casady, Chidsey, Clayton, Colfax, (2 votes,) Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, DeSaussure, Dibble, Emerson, Ellison, Ely, Gyles, Hale, Hills, Kennedy, Kingsbury, McLain, Marley, (2 votes,) Narine, Russell, G. S. Sanford, Skinner, Small, Taylor, Vansant, Ward, Wells, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio—38.

By unanimous consent, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of P. G. Sire Griffin as relates to the Wildey Fund and Annuity, report:

That at the session of 1848, by an almost unanimous vote, it was determined to relieve from the most pressing pecuniary embarrassment P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, the Father of American Odd-Fellowship. The manner in which it was proposed to afford this relief was twofold: First by purchasing the incumbrances then pressing upon this venerable man, and secondly by asking at the hands of the masses of the Order the means of replacing this advance, and also an annual sum for his maintenance. The incumbrances were removed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, which for this purpose appropriated the sum of \$8,000. The circulars directed by the resolution to be issued were sent, and in the confident expectation that a hearty response would be made. The annual reports of the Grand Secretary show that this hope has been disappointed. The sum of \$1466.50 has been contributed to the Wildey Fund, and \$421.90 to the annuity. The former has been appropriated to the advance made by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the latter has been paid over to P. G. Sire Wildey for his maintenance.

The committee have sought information relative to the pecuniary affairs of P. G. Sire Wildey, and find his condition indeed deplorable. By his confidence in his brethren of the Order, and by his devotion to and exertions in the cause of Odd-Fellowship, the little accumulations of his lifetime have disappeared, and in his old age he is found by us almost penniless. The policy, the interest, the character of the Order as a benevolent institution, imperatively demand that the founder of that Order should not be permitted in his declining days to become an object for the cold charities of the world, while a numerous, youthful, and vigorous band, his offspring, possess the ability to provide for his necessities.

The appeal to the Order at large having failed, some new method must now be devised. That this failure has occurred not through any want of sympathy or interest in the body of the Order, but from the difficulty of reaching such numbers, extended over so great a space of country, is the belief of the committee. And the opinion is confidently entertained that any method which will allow all of the Subordinate Lodges to contribute their quota will be gladly

welcomed, as affording the Order at large the means to repay this filial debt. This may be done, the committee think, by an annual appropriation by each Grand Lodge. An appropriation of \$40 yearly by each Grand Lodge will afford a sum of about \$1000, the least amount on which this aged man can be reputably supported.

The committee recommend the adoption of the appended resolutions.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
WILLIAM CURTIS.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to address a circular letter to each Grand Master under this jurisdiction, requesting them to refer the subject of the foregoing report to their respective Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the members of this body be respectfully urged, at as early a date as possible, to endeavor to obtain from the respective Grand Lodges of which they are members an annual appropriation of forty dollars, to continue during the life of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, and to be applied to his support.

Resolved, That in the event of such appropriations being made by any Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodge be requested to have the same paid over to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and by him the amounts so received shall be paid over to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, upon the subject of construing section 5, article 1, division 3, Digest, page 43, report: That this Grand Lodge has so construed the section, by approving the constitutions of several Grand Lodges containing this feature. Care should be taken by the legislation of State Grand Lodges to prevent imposition, and in most of the constitutions approved such precaution has been had by requiring the ballots of the Past Grands to be endorsed and forwarded to the Grand Lodge under the seals of the subordinate lodges to which the Past Grands respectively belong.

WILMOT G. DeSAUSSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Narine, of N. J., from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report as relates to the publication of the new edition of the journal, report:

That they entirely concur in the suggestions of that officer as to the plan adopted by him for the Index of that work, and are entirely satisfied that, if such an Index as is contemplated by him is produ-

ced, it will be an invaluable acquisition to the Order. They also agree with the Grand Secretary that it will be a work of magnitude, and of great responsibility, requiring not only much patient labor, but also a peculiar talent and aptitude on the part of the Brother employed to execute it. Inasmuch, however, as the entire value of the Journal will, in a great measure, depend upon the correctness and capacity of the Index to substitute itself for a Digest, after the plan devised by the Grand Secretary, and will involve a considerable expense, they are of opinion that before it is put to press the work should be examined, reviewed, and formally accepted by the Grand Lodge, in order that the responsibility of its production and acceptance should not devolve alone upon the Grand Secretary. For this purpose, the Grand Sire would be, under ordinary circumstances, the appropriate organ of the Grand Lodge; but, as the relation which that officer bears to the work might render it unpleasant for him to act in this capacity, the committee recommend that the Index, when prepared, be referred to the consideration of a committee to be appointed for this purpose, who shall, when examined and approved by them, certify that fact, over their official signatures; which certificate shall be embodied in the work.

The committee also approve the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, that the proceedings of the present session be included in the work, and that the matter be divided into three volumes, instead of two, as heretofore authorized, and that the price per volume be fixed at two dollars.

The committee find that no provision has been made for the republication of the engravings contained in the old Journals; and believing that the order for a new edition of the Journal was intended to comprehend that object, recommend that the committee to be appointed for the examination and acceptance of the Index, be also authorized to contract for new engravings, including the P. G. Sires who have become such since the publication of the old Journal, and also of the present Grand Sire.

They therefore submit the following resolutions.

JAMES NARINE,
WM. BAYLEY,
GEO. D. SANFORD.

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of reviewing and accepting, if approved by them, the Index to the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now in course of preparation, under the order of the last session.

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such amount of compensation to the author of said Index as in their judgment the same may be worth, not exceeding, however, the sum of \$500.

Resolved, That said committee also contract for the new engravings for the work, referred to in the above report, and have power to sit during the recess, and that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to them the same mileage and per diem now allowed to Grand Representatives, upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary; provided, however, that per diem shall not be allowed for a longer time than one week, or mileage be charged for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting and back again, for one time only.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the special order, being the following proposed amendment to the constitution:

Article 11. Strike out the word "annually," in the first line, and insert instead thereof, "on the third Monday in September, 1850, and on the corresponding day in September in each alternate year thereafter."

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of adjournment (3½ o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Sire adjourned the Lodge until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Washington, of N. C., had leave to record his vote in the affirmative upon the proposed amendment to the Constitution to restore the right to P. G. Sires to vote.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Crickard, of La., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a blank diploma, to be signed by the R. W. Grand Officers, be awarded to each Grand Officer and Representative of this R. W. Body who has not already received such certificate, the same to be filled up at the expense of the holders thereof, and that a sufficient number be stricken off for that purpose.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, respectfully report, that after carefully reading, they recommend its approval by this Grand Body, except section 11 of article 8, which ought to be amended by adding to it the words, "provided such restriction in voting shall not extend so as to prevent Past Grands from voting for Grand Officers." They therefore propose the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Florida be instructed to amend their constitution in accordance with the foregoing report.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Marley, of Md., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petitions of sundry Lodges and Encampments for warrants to work in their respective locations, report: That said petitions having been favorably considered, warrants were forwarded to the respective applicants viz: Ridgely Lodge, No. 9, at Mariana, Florida; Montazuma

Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico; Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota; Ouachita Encampment, No. 4, at Camden, Arkansas; Rio Grande Encampment, No. 2, at Brownsville, Texas. An application was also received for an Encampment at San Augustine, Texas, the warrant for which was not forwarded, in consequence of there being no Patriarch within the district known to be qualified for opening the same. The committee have information that the warrant forwarded for Ridgely Lodge has not come to hand, in consequence of which much disappointment has been felt by the applicants. Your committee respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolutions.

RICHARD MARLEY,
H. C. PINDELL,
A. B. ELY.

Resolved, That the warrants granted by the M. W. Grand Sire be confirmed, and charters granted to the Lodges and Encampments named above.

Resolved, That whereas there is now a Grand Lodge in the State of Florida, the petitioners for a warrant to Ridgely Lodge be referred to said Grand Lodge, and that the money paid to this United States Grand Lodge by said petitioners for a warrant be refunded to them on their application for the same.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Marley, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petition from the Subordinate Encampments in the State of Iowa, for a Grand Encampment in that State, and also the return of the opening of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 8, in the State of Florida, respectfully submit the following resolutions.

RICHARD MARLEY,
H. C. PINDELL,
A. B. ELY.

Resolved, That the warrants issued by the Grand Sire be confirmed, and charters granted to them respectively.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the applying Subordinate Encampments of Iowa, said Grand Encampment, when instituted, be located at Muscatine in said State.

Rep. Smith, of Ky., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be authorized to prepay the postage upon all his official correspondence.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., moved to amend the resolution by requesting State Grand Lodges and Grand Scribes to prepay postage on letters to the Grand Secretary.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Hackleman, it was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Washington, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, relative to restoring the

three months term of office to Subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they deem further legislation upon the subject entirely inexpedient.

If your committee had encountered a shadow of doubt in coming to the conclusion they have, upon this subject, it would have been entirely removed by recurring to the repeated action of this Grand Lodge upon the same subject.

The six months term was introduced into the Order at the communication of 1846, upon a report upon the subject by the Committee on the State of the Order—an ably constituted committee.

The subject was again brought before the Grand Lodge in 1847, and thoroughly discussed in the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, at the head of which was our Worthy Past Grand Sire Griffin. The lodge refused to rescind their former action.

In 1848 this Grand Lodge was again called upon to reconsider the subject. With more patience than could reasonably have been expected, the subject was committed to the Committee on the State of the Order, reported upon, and maturely considered. The lodge was unable, however, to perceive any reason for restoring the short term.

It was reasonable to hope that after so many adjudications upon the subject, we should not have been again called upon soon to go over the same ground. The hope would have been a vain one. The communication of 1849 was not allowed to pass without undergoing the infliction of its immediate predecessors. Despairing of a favorable report from the Committee on the State of the Order, it was thought advisable by the friends of the measure to try the Legislative Committee. But the result could not be varied: the committee were inexorable, and the measure was again sent to its short repose.

It could hardly be believed that after such repeated and decisive rejection by this Grand Body, its stability of legislation could have been so little respected as the infliction upon it again of the consideration of this subject necessarily proves. The committee cannot reconcile the pertinacity with which this matter is pressed upon our deliberation with the deference justly due to the grave character of this R. W. Grand Lodge. It cuts off the hope that should be so reasonably anticipated of a settled acquiescence by the Order at large in its deliberate resolves.

A subject three times referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, differently and ably constituted, twice to the Legislative Committee, and by each unanimously disapproved, and at each several time likewise rejected by the lodge, ought, one would suppose, be suffered to rest in peace. It should, at least, raise a doubt as to its acceptability to the Order at large. Your committee, therefore, dare entertain the hope that this is the last communication for several years to come that we shall be disturbed by the restless wan-

derings of the ghost of the three months' term. Requiescat in pace! They therefore report the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
B. CONLEY,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to shorten the present terms of office in Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Magruder, of D. of Col., moved to suspend the rule, to allow him to offer a resolution fixing the time of adjournment *sine die*, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to offer a resolution.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved to lay the motion to suspend the rules on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the motion to suspend the rule, and it was agreed to, whereupon—

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be empowered and instructed to ascertain and report the precise nature and amount of the assets, funds, and investments of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was agreed to.

Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to move a resolution, which was agreed to; when he offered the following:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall have the power and privilege to determine, in their constitutions or by-laws, where their sessions shall be held.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee, which was agreed to.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the suspension of the rules generally for the time being, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to offer a resolution, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Williams, of Me., moved to suspend the rule, to enable him to offer a resolution, which was not agreed to.

The Lodge then proceeded to the business pending at the hour of adjournment, being the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Article 11. Strike out the word "annually," in the first line, and insert instead thereof, "on the third Monday in September, 1850, and on the corresponding day in September in each alternate year thereafter."

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved indefinitely to postpone the amendment, upon which he moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main ques-

tion be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Bayly, of D. C., Bebee, Chidsey, Curtis, (2 votes,) Farish, Fitzhugh, Hackleman, Hardie, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) McLain, Pindell, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Senter, Simes, (2 votes,) Skinner, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Worthington—24.

NAYS—Abbott, Askew, Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, Bonney, Cassady, Clayton, Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Danley, DeSaussure, Dibble, Ely, (2 votes,) Gear, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Hills, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Langworthy, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Penny, Perkins, Potts, Remington, Russell, (2 votes,) Sanford, Seymour, Shaw, Small, Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., Stewart, of Del., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Ward, Washington, Wells, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff, of Ill.—62.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows:

Article 11. Strike out the word "third," in the second line, and insert the word "first."

On motion of Rep. Senter, of N. H., to indefinitely postpone this amendment—

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Lodge, and put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the negative, two-thirds not appearing for it. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Bebee, Bonney, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, Clayton, Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Danley, Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, Hale, Hackleman, Hardie, Hills, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Kingsbury, Langworthy, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, (2 votes,) Nixon, Penny, (2 votes,) Perkins, (2 votes,) Pindell, Remington, I. Robinson, Shaw, Small, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Wells, Williams, of Me., Wood, Woodward, Woodruff, Worthington—57.

NAYS—Abbott, Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. C., Barnard, Curtis, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Dibble, Ellison, Gear, Gyles, McLain, Potts, (2 votes,) Russell, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Senter, Simes, (2 votes,) Skinner, Stuart, of D. C., Ward, Washington, Williams, of Ohio, Winslow—29.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Anners, of Pa., to indefinitely postpone it, it was resolved in the affirmative:

Article 11. Insert after the word "September," in the second line, the

words "in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland," and strike out all after "A. M.," in the sixteenth line.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 11. Amend by inserting after the word "in" the word "July."

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to postpone it indefinitely.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved to lay it on the table, which was agreed to.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., the proposition was divided, and the question was taken on the first branch of the proposition, which was rejected, viz:

Article 11. Strike out the following words, "third Monday in September," and insert the "third Monday in August."

The question recurred on the second branch of the proposition, viz:

Strike out the word "third," in the second line, and insert the word "first."

Which was determined in the negative, two-thirds not appearing for it. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbott, Bonney, Chester, (2 votes,) Clayton, (2 votes,) Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Danley, Farish, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hills, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Kingbury, (2 votes,) Langworthy, Magrader, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Penny, Perkins, Pindell, Potts, Remington, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Shaw, Small, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Trippe, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes)—58.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Bebec, Cassady, Chase, Chidsey, Colfax, Curtis, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Dibble, (2 votes,) Ellison, Ely, Gear, (2 votes,) McLain, Mitchell, Russell, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Senter, Simes, Skinner, (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. C., Taylor, Ward, Washington, (2 votes,) Wells—32.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Williams, of Maine, was indefinitely postponed:

Article 11. Strike out the word "third," in second line, and insert the word "second."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Senter, of N. H., indefinitely postponed:

Article 12. Amend section 3 by striking out "10 per cent.," and inserting "6 per cent."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, was indefinitely postponed:

Article 12. Add to the article, "and no other tax or levy can be made upon State Grand Bodies for any purpose whatever."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 12. Amend by striking out so much as may be found on page 1454 vol. 3, Proceedings of Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., indefinitely to postpone—

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbett, Anners, Bayley, of Md., Clayton, Hale, Kennedy, Magruder, Skinner, Small, (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. C., (2 votes.) Vansant—12.

NAYS—Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebee, Bonney, Cassady, Chase, Chester, Chidsey, Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, (2 votes,) Curtis, Danley, Dibble, Ellison, Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Gear, (2 votes,) Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hills, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Jennings, Kempton, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, McLain, (2 votes,) Manchester, Marley, Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Penny, Perkins, Pindell, Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Russell, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Senter, Shaw, Simes, (2 votes,) Smith, of Ky., Smith, of Tenn., Taylor, Vennigerholz, Ward, Washington, Wells, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff, (2 votes,) Woodward, of Ill., Worthington—76.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows, and, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 12. Amend by striking out the 4th paragraph and substituting therefor the following, to wit: "4th. Representative tax from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to be assessed upon such bodies annually by the Grand Sire, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, according to the number of votes such Grand Bodies are entitled to in the Grand Lodge of the United States; provided, however, that said Representative tax shall constitute a special fund, for the payment of such per diem allowance and mileage to the Officers and Grand Representatives attending the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States as, by a majority vote at a regular session, from time to time, may be determined."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and the question being on its adoption, it was not agreed to:

Article 12. Amend by striking out and inserting as follows: "The Grand Lodge shall from time to time provide by law such prices for the supplies furnished by this body to the Order as will enable the Grand Lodge to defray its necessary expenses, in which shall be included the per diem and mileage allowance to the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, and the salaries of the paid officers."

On motion of Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, to adjourn, it was not agreed to.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows:

Article 12. Amend as follows: In the second line strike out the figures "20" and insert "50." (4th Sec.)

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., the same was adopted, and forms a part of the constitution. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbott, Anners, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, Chase, Chester, Clayton, Conley, Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, Dibble, Ely, Ellison, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hale, Hansford, Hills, Jennings, Kennedy, Kempton Kellogg, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Martin, Mitchell, Munday, Nixon, Peuny, Perkins, Pindell, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Russell, Senter, Shaw, Simes, Skinner, Small, Seymour, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Vansant, Vennigerholz, Ward, Washington, Wells, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, of Mo., Woodruff, Woodward, of Ill.—58.

NAYS—Askew, Baldwin, Bebee, Bonney, Cassady, Chidsey, Colfax, Crutcher, Gear, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hardie, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, (2 votes,) McLain, Magruder, Meredith, Narine, Sanford, Stuart, of D. C., (2 votes,) Taylor, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio—26.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Washington, of N. C. from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Narine, of N. J., in following words, to wit:

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall have the power and privilege to determine, in their constitutions and by-laws, where their sessions shall be held,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that, in their opinion, the adoption of the resolution, or one of similar import, would eminently contribute to the peace and prosperity of the Order at large.

Your committee can perceive no sufficient reason for the restrictions now placed upon State Grand Bodies relative to the places of their annual communications. The subject seems properly to devolve upon the respective State Bodies themselves, who are certainly better qualified to judge of the proper times and places for their annual meetings than this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Gratitude Lodge No. 5, I. O. of O. F., against the Grand Lodge of Maryland, report that Brother Anthony Hergesheimer, a member of Gratitude Lodge, by accident, lost his leg. To enable him to

obtain an artificial leg, the Lodge, on the 23d September, 1850, resolved that twenty-five weeks, benefits be advanced to Brother Hergesheimer for the purpose of enabling him to purchase a steel leg, provided he execute a paper releasing the Lodge from sick benefits for that length of time, provided the same does not conflict with any of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to be ascertained by the officers before signing the order.

The money was afterwards paid, and the proper release executed. On the 30th of September he was reported under care, and entitled to one week's benefits, which were never paid. On the 30th of December, the deceased was more than thirteen lodge nights in arrears, if his claim for the week ending 30th September be disallowed; but if it be set to his credit, he was a creditor of the Lodge, as far as his regular dues were concerned. On the 10th February, 1851, the brother died, and the nearest relative of the deceased claimed funeral benefits, which were refused on account of the indebtedness on the 30th December. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the decision of Gratitude Lodge was reversed.

By the local laws of Maryland a member cannot become in arrears for dues while he is a creditor of a Lodge for benefits. The question submitted to us is, what was Brother Hergesheimer's condition on the 30th September? The Lodge contends that he had been paid the \$100 prior to that time. The evidence shows that, though the money was voted on the 23d of September, yet the money was not paid until after the 30th. As he was then a creditor of the Lodge for a week's benefits he did not become in arrears, and his relatives were consequently entitled to the funeral benefit. The following resolution is submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
D. P. BARNARD,
A. S. KELLOGG.

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the matter appealed from by Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, be sustained.

Rep. Marley, of Md., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the action of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, whereby it resolved "to change the place of holding its annual communications from Raleigh to Wilmington, provided the Grand Lodge of the United States assent to the same," respectfully submit the following resolution.

RICHARD MARLEY,
H. C. PINDELL,
A. B. ELY.

Resolved, That the annual communications of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be held in Wilmington in accordance with the action of said Grand Lodge

Rep. Marley, of Md., from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., report the annexed resolution.

R. MARLEY,
H. C. PINDELL,
A. B. ELY.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Virginia have permission to change the location of said Grand Encampment, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the next session.

The Lodge again resumed the consideration of the special order, pending which, on motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, Sept. 19—nine o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Rep. Chase, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Standing Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand Bodies within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the returns of several subordinate Encampments and Lodges, having attended to the duties assigned them, report the returns of the following Grand Lodges correct, to wit: Maryland, Massachusetts, Southern New York, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, Louisiana, New Jersey, Virginia, Missouri, Mississippi, Illinois, Alabama, Connecticut, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Rhode Island, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Northern New York, Florida, New Hampshire.

Incorrect: The reports from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, without caption, the time covered by reports not stated. The reports from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky without seals. The reports from the Grand Lodge of Maine made up to the first day of April, 1851, and the time of meetings of subordinate Lodges not stated. The reports of the Grand Lodge of Iowa made up to the first day of January, 1851. From the Grand Lodges of North Carolina, Vermont, and Texas, no reports.

Grand Encampments correct: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Southern New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Missouri, District of Columbia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, Indiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, Delaware, Wisconsin, Northern New York, Illinois.

Incorrect: Returns of the Grand Encampment of Georgia, made up to June 30th, 1850, for the two years preceding. From the Grand Encampments of Maine and Connecticut no reports.

Subordinate Lodges incorrect: California Lodge, No. 1, California, time of meeting not stated. Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Arkansas, report for term ending June 30th, 1849, and time of meeting not stated. Jefferson Lodge, No. 3, Florida Leon Lodge, No. 5, Florida, Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, Florida, Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota, and Saint Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota, report for the terms ending December 31, 1850, and times of meetings not stated.

Subordinate Encampments correct: Ridgely Encampment, No. 9, Illinois; Iowa Encampment, No. 6, Iowa.

Subordinate Encampments incorrect: Lone Star, No. 1, Texas, time of meeting not stated. Arkansas, No. 2, Arkansas, report from June 30th to December 31st, 1850, time of meeting not stated. Fort Smith, No. 3, report from January 1st to December 31st, 1850, without seal, time of meeting not stated. Halcyon, No. 1, Iowa, return for term ending December 31st, 1850, without seal, time of meeting not stated. Eureka, No. 2, Iowa, returns for terms ending June 30th, 1850, and December 31st, 1850, without seal, time of meeting not stated. Prairie, No. 4, Iowa, reports to January 1st, 1851, reports for terms ending June 30th, 1850, and January 1st, 1851, without seals, time of meeting not stated. Good Samaritan, No. 5, Iowa, time of meeting not stated. Puckechetuck, No. 7, Iowa, reports to June 30th, 1850, without seal, time of meeting not stated.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS R. CHASE,
WM. H. REMINGTON,
J. WINSLOW.

By unanimous consent, and on motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on the State of the Order touching the resolutions of Rep. Skinner, of Pa., and of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the subjects were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., from the minority of the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Narine, of N. J., begs leave to report: That the question of a moveable State Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, has been so repeatedly acted upon and rejected by this body, that it is inexpedient and impolitic to make any change in the existing laws upon this subject. The following resolution is submitted.

B. CONLEY.

Resolved, That the existing law upon this subject be adhered to, and strictly enforced, and that the Grand Lodge will not countenance or permit a violation of the same.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of C. Theodore Vennigerholz, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, relative to the proposed removal of the seat of that Grand Lodge from Natchez to Vicksburg, would ask leave to report, that they have examined the appeal and documents relating to the case, and find that the proposed amendment was made in pursuance of the requirements of the constitution, and at the proper time they came up for action, and were adopted by a constitutional two-thirds vote. The committee offer the following resolution.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand C. Theodore Vennigerholz be not sustained.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the memorial of Past Grand Ebenezer Winchester, of New York, would ask leave to report, that the memorial is more properly an appeal from the non-action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in allowing the dissolution of a committee to take place previous to reporting up on a subject where his suspension as a member of a Subordinate Lodge was involved. The Grand Lodge of Southern New York adopted the report of a committee recommending that body to grant Bro. Winchester the privilege of appealing to this Grand Lodge, and subsequently rescinded the same, and referred the whole subject to a special committee of five, whose functions as a committee ceased by limitation previous to reporting.

Your committee find, upon examination of the Digest, that this Grand Lodge will not entertain jurisdiction of an appeal from an individual member of the Order against the decision of his Grand Lodge, unless with its express sanction or consent. They therefore offer the following resolution.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., presented a protest from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, relating to certain proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Farish, of Texas, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That whenever a member of a subordinate Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., under the jurisdiction of any State or Territorial Grand Lodge, or under the

jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall remove permanently his residence from such subordinate Lodge to another neighborhood, State, Territory, or County, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of such member, within three months after such removal, to attach himself to some subordinate Lodge nearest his place of residence, and in default thereof such member shall be deprived of all moral, legal, or equitable claim upon the brotherhood, in a pecuniary or other point of view.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Texas have permission, during the calendar year of 1852, to organize subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction on the application of three qualified members of the Order: *Provided*, however, that previous to the granting of a charter or dispensation to institute such Lodge or Lodges, there shall be five or more applicants for initiation in each and all of said Lodges so to be instituted.

Resolved, That from and after the 31st December, 1851, the same service in the Secretary's chair of a subordinate Lodge shall be required to entitle any member of a subordinate Lodge to fill the chair of V. G. of a subordinate Lodge, as is now required of the V. G. to fill the chair of N. Grand.

Rep. Wells, of Mass., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That subordinate Encampments be permitted, at their option, to hold either one or two sessions in each month.

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the State Grand Lodges and Encampments shall state, in their annual returns to this Grand Lodge, the total amounts of funds in the treasuries, and widow and orphan funds and investments, of their subordinates.

Rep. Ward, of N. N. Y., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, and a motion having been made to refer it to the Legislative Committee—

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved the previous question.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., made the following point of order: "Does the motion for the previous question take precedence of a motion to refer?"

The Chair said that the printed rules gave precedence to the motion of reference, which, according to those rules, was required to be decided without debate; but, under a resolution adopted two years ago, the rules had been so amended as to make the motion to refer a debateable question. The Chair, therefore, felt it his duty to decide that a motion for the previous question did take precedence of a motion to refer, for the reason that it ought to be in the power of every legislative body to control its debates by applying the previous question to all debatable propositions.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., objected to the consideration of the resolution as being an amendment to the by-laws, which, under the rule, is required to lay on the table for one day.

The Chair decided that the objection raised by Rep. Vennigerholz was valid, and the resolution was laid on the table under the rule.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on to-morrow at — o'clock.

Rep. Conley of Ga., moved to fill the blank with 11 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to fill the blank with 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn at 3 o'clock P. M. on Saturday next, to meet in Philadelphia at the regular session in 1852; and that the Representatives from the State of Pennsylvania be appointed a committee to make arrangements for the same.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved to lay the subject on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, beg leave respectfully to report, that they recommend that the third clause in the 3d section thereof be amended by striking out the words "members of the Grand Lodge," and insert in lieu thereof the words "*qualified Past Grands.*" They recommend that the fifth clause, fourth article, be amended by erasing the words "*as a legislative member.*" The committee would therefore recommend the approval of the constitution as thus amended. They present the following resolution. Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. T. VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Missouri be instructed to amend their constitution in accordance with the foregoing report.

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., laid on the table:

Resolved, That one-third of the annual revenue of each subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be hereafter set apart and invested, from time to time, under the direction of the Lodge, as a benefit fund; and that said fund shall be only used for the payment of sick and funeral benefits, when the Lodge shall have no other funds which can be applied for that purpose.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., that the Lodge proceed to the consideration of the special order, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Narine, of N. J., proposed the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article II. Strike out the word "*third*," in second line, and insert the word "*second*."

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn on Monday at 10 o'clock A. M., *sine die*.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., to lay the resolution on the table, it was agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the subject of returning to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern New York the amount of thirty dollars charter fee paid by them, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the charters granted to these bodies were given by a special act of this body, and in the passage of said act no intimation is given that said fee would be required. We therefore recommend that the same be returned.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
J. CRICKARD.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to return to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Northern New York, each, thirty dollars, being the amounts paid by them for charter fees.

On motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., to suspend the rule to consider the report, it was not agreed to. The report accordingly was laid on the table under the rule.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the report of the special committee on so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to the Wildey Fund and Annuity, be made the special order for 7 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., seconded by Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Strike out article 8, and insert: "The Past Grand Sires and the Grand Sire at the time of the adoption of this alteration of the constitution shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not representatives; but all succeeding Past Grand Sires shall be limited to the powers of sitting in the Grand Lodge, and of making and debating motions."

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved the indefinite postponement of the special order.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., raised the following point of order: "That that subject not now being before the Lodge, it was not in order."

The Chair ruled the motion of Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., to be out of order.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the complaint of P. H. P. Geo. W. Hufty against the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, for refusing to admit him to membership in that body in consequence of his not having passed the chair of Chief Patriarch in a subordinate Encampment, ask leave to report:

That by the Digest, page 54, sec. 2d, article 1st, Grand Encamp-

ments consist of all Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests, or, if their constitutions so determine, of all Past Chief Patriarchs only. The constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania requires that, to entitle a Patriarch to membership, he shall produce a certificate from the Encampment of which he is a member certifying that he had been duly elected to and had served in the office of Chief Patriarch for one elective term, &c.

The Committee believe the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania was right in refusing to admit Patriarch Hufty to membership until he has complied with the requirements of its constitution. The committee offer the following resolution.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
A. S. KELLOGG,
D. P. BARNARD.

Resolved, That the appellant have leave to withdraw his appeal.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Strike out article 1 and insert as follows: "This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as are provided in this Constitution, and none other. All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and cannot legally exist without its sanction. With the consent of any Grand Lodge or Encampment it may receive an appeal of a subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled or suspended Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its charter, books, and effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Encampment.

"To it belongs the exclusive power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Odd Fellowship; and also the exclusive power to publish all books or papers relating to the work of the Order, or any part thereof, and all cards, diplomas, and certificates connected with the Order. It has power to establish Lodges or Encampments in States, Districts, Territories, and Foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, and to regulate the intercourse between the Order under its territorial jurisdiction and the Order in foreign countries.

"The unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

Rep. Bebee, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its last annual communication did, by a vote of said lodge, change the location of said Grand Lodge from Cincinnati to Columbus, in pursuance of the resolution of this body at its last communication: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve of the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in changing the location of said Grand Lodge from Cincinnati to Columbus, and that the charter of said Grand Lodge be altered accordingly.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That all State Grand Bodies have power to so amend their charters, or constitutions, that, at each annual session, they may determine where the succeeding session shall be held.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to lay on the table the whole subject, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., the Lodge agreed to take up the special order of the day, to wit, pending amendments to the constitution.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., then moved to lay the special order on the table, which was not agreed to.

The following proposed amendment to the constitution was then considered:

Article 12. Add at the end of the article as follows: "5th. Proceeds of the sale of books, cards, diplomas, odes, and certificates. Assessments to make up deficiencies in the revenue to pay claims, to be assessed upon each Grand Body equally, in proportion to the number of votes such Grand Body shall be entitled to according to Article 10 of this constitution."

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the proposition, touching "books, cards, odes, diplomas, and certificates," it was unanimously adopted, and now forms part of the Constitution.

The question recurred on the second branch of the proposition, when the proposed amendment, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, was indefinitely postponed.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 12. Add therein: "5th. All sums accruing from sales of books, cards, odes, and diplomas."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 14. Amend by inserting after the word "Lodge," in the 8th line, and "a subordinate Encampment."

Rep. Jennings, of Ala., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put," which was agreed to. The main question was then put as follows: "Shall the proposed amendment be adopted," which was agreed to unanimously, and forms a part of the constitution.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 14. Add the following section: "Each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment working under an unreclaimed warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, possesses the power of framing and adopting such a form of government for themselves as a constitutional majority of their qualified members may determine, in accordance with the general rules of the Order, and when such a form of government has been adopted, it is not competent for a minority in said Grand Bodies to declare said organic law null and void, nor shall it be competent for this Grand Lodge or its Grand Sire to substitute the action of a minority in said bodies for the legitimate action of the majority."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., was laid on the table:

Article 14. After the words "R. P. Degree," where the same occur in said article, insert the words "or a Past Grand Patriarch."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., was indefinitely postponed:

Article 14. Amend by adding after the qualifications of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire the words, "also a contributing member of a Subordinate Encampment."

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 14. Strike out the following words, "be a Past Grand Master, who shall."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded and put, the Lodge refused to order the main question.

The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment. Debate intervening—

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., again moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the question being, "Will the Lodge order the main question?" it was agreed to. The main question was put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was not agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Baldwin, Barnard, Bebee, Bonney, Chase, Colfax, Conley, (2 votes,) Crickard, Danley, Dibble, Ely, (2 votes,) Farish, Hardie, Kempton, McLain, Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Narine, Nixon, Papv, Seymour, Shaw, Simes, Vansant, Winslow—29.

NAYS—Abbott, Anners, Askew, Bayley, of Md, Bayly, of D. C., Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, Clayton, Curtis, (2 votes,) Emerson, Fitzhugh, Gear, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hale, Hackleman, Hansford, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kennedy, Kellogg, Kingsbury, Langworthy, Magruder, Marley, Mitchell, Munday, Penny, Perkins, (2 votes,) Pindell, Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, G. S. Sanford, Senter, Skinner, Small, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., Stewart, of Del., Taylor, Trippe, Vennigerholz, Ward, Washington, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Worthington—55.

By unanimous consent, Past Grand Sire Griffin submitted information from the committee appointed to procure a block of marble for the Washington Monument, and moved its reference to the Committee of Finance, which was agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication from California Lodge, No. 1, asking remission of their dues, have had the same under consideration, and, although your committee do not desire to be considered as favoring such remission as a general thing, yet, from the best information we can obtain, we think that the Grand Lodge of the United States should remit the dues to this Lodge.

It is well known to every member of this body that during the past three years the tide of emigration to that part of our country has been great, and no doubt a large number of those are members of our Order, who are liable, from not being acclimated, or from other causes, to be forced to call upon their brethren for that aid which it is the peculiar province of our Order to bestow. We therefore think that this Grand Lodge can very properly remit the dues to that Lodge without injury to itself, and by so doing they may be able to assist California Lodge in its work of usefulness.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN CRICKARD.

Resolved, That the request of California Lodge, No. 1, be complied with.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Lodge agreed to consider the proposition of Rep. Winder, of Mich., to amend the constitution, now lying on the table, as follows:

Article 14. After the words "R. P. Degree," where the same occur in said Article, insert the words "or a Past Grand Patriarch."

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment?" which was not agreed to. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YAES—Anners, Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Barnard, Bonney, Clayton, (2 votes,) Colfax, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, Emerson, Ely, (2 votes,) Gyles, (2 votes,) Hardie, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Meredith, Mitchell, Narine, Papy, Penny, Potts, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Simes, (2 votes,) Skinner, Small, Taylor, Vansant, Ward, (2 votes,) Williams, of Me., Winslow, Wood, Woodward, (2 votes)—44.

NAYS—Abbett, Askew, Bayly, of D. C., Bebee, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, Conley, (2 votes,) Crickard, Dibble, Fitzhugh, Gear, Hackleman, Hansford, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kempton, Kellogg, Langworthy, McLain, Martin, (2 votes,) Munday, (2 votes,) Nixon, Perkins, (2 votes,) Pindell, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. C., Stewart, of Del., Trippe, Vennigerholz, Washington, Williams, of Ohio—44.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 14. Amend by inserting the words, "Past Grand Patriarch or Past Grand High Priest," after the words "Past Grand Master."

Rep. Askew, of Del., raised a point of order, whether the amendment was in order, a similar proposition having been already rejected.

The Chair ruled that this amendment having been regularly proposed at the last session agreeably to the provisions of the constitution, although it might be substantially the same as another propo-

sition of amendment, properly came up for consideration at the present session, and that it would not be right for the Chair to suppress it.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved its indefinite postponement, which was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred several resolutions of enquiry proposed by the Grand Encampment of Ohio, report:

That a member expelled in one jurisdiction can be neither legally nor honorably reinstated in another jurisdiction, except by consent of the Lodge expelling; and if reinstated, except by consent, is a member neither of the Lodge expelling nor of the Order.

Good standing in the Order is defined in the Digest, and the freedom from any disability by reason of non-payment of dues of every kind is one of its requisites. The committee believe that no member is in good standing while his note is held for dues; the indebtedness by note is a new form, not a discharge of the debt.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

The Lodge again took up the special order, when the next proposed amendment to the constitution, as follows, was considered:

Article 15. Amend by preceding the present article with these words, "After the organization of the Grand Lodge."

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was agreed to.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 15. Strike out the words, "Lodges and Grand Encampments," in the second line, and insert "State and District Grand bodies."

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., it was indefinitely postponed.

The next proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Article 15. Strike out the first section and insert, "Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies, shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. But this regulation shall not prevent the Grand Lodge from organizing, or from receiving and acting upon credentials of members at any session."

Rep. Jennings, of Ala., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to. The main question was then put: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed to the constitution?" which was resolved in the affirmative, a constitutional majority voting for it, and it now forms a part of the constitution.

There still remained to be acted on the following propositions in amendment to the constitution, viz:

Article 15.. Amend it by striking out all before the word "shall," in the second line, and insert "thirty members representing twenty Grand Bodies."

Article 18. Strike it out, and put in place thereof the following: "All the powers ceded to this Grand Lodge are contained in the written constitution and by-laws, and such powers as are not specially expressed are reserved to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments composing this Grand Body. This Constitution can only be amended, altered, or abolished upon the motion of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, under its corporate seal, attested by the Secretary thereof, and seconded by the Representatives of another Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. At the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the constitution "

Article 18. Strike out all after "Grand Lodge," in the second line, to the words "it shall," in the third line, and insert, "upon the motion of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under its corporate seal, attested by the Secretary and seconded by another Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Article 18. Amend it by striking out the entire article, and insert as follows, to wit: "For the purpose of revising, altering, and amending this Constitution, the Grand Sire shall appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to meet at such time and place as may by them be agreed upon, then and there to take the subject into consideration, and make their report to the regular September session of 1851; when the same shall be entered on the Journal as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next succeeding annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be considered and acted upon by the representatives to that session, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution; provided, however, that if by any means the aforesaid plan to revise, alter, or amend should fail, then in that event the said article 18, as now stricken out, shall be and become again in full force as part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Article —. "Grand and Subordinate Encampments are hereby abolished. The Grand Lodge of the United States shall provide by-laws for the conferring of the Encampment degrees by Lodges, and shall make such other regulations as may be necessary in consequence of the adoption of this article. All provisions of the constitution or laws inconsistent with this regulation are hereby so modified as to conform thereto."

Articles —. "Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States so as not to recognize Grand Encampments as a separate organization."

Amend the Constitution by adding: "The G. Lodge shall choose a committee of five from among the present or past members of the body, which shall be called the Judicial Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall rank as officers of this Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear and pass upon all constitutional and legal questions that may arise between this Grand Lodge and any State Grand Lodge or Encampment, or any representative of any State Grand Body. The committee shall be chosen, first, one for one, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years, and subsequently one shall be chosen each year for the period of five years. They shall be chosen separately by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast. If there be no election on the second ballot, the names of all candidates except the highest three on the list shall be dropped. The Grand Lodge may at any meeting fill any vacancy in this committee. The committee shall meet and sit at and during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, when all questions shall be argued before them orally or in writing, and their decisions shall be final, unless reversed by a three-fourth vote of the Grand Lodge. Any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or any Grand Representative, may at any time appeal from any decision of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire, upon any legal or constitutional question, to this committee, and shall be heard. Members of this committee shall be entitled to speak in Grand Lodge, but not vote, unless they be Representatives."

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., the special order, embracing all the above propositions, was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Vennigerholtz, of Miss., seconded by Rep. Kemp on, of Ga., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Strike out from Article 14 the words, "The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Master, who shall have the R. P. degree, and be a contributing member of a subordinate Lodge," and insert: "The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand, who shall have received the Royal Purple Degree, and be a member of a subordinate Lodge and an Encampment."

Rep. Pindell, of Ky., seconded by Rep. Farish, of Texas, moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Strike from Article 3 the word "at," where it first occurs, and insert "on the 1st day of." Strike from the same article the words, "at the stated meeting next ensuing their election," and insert in lieu thereof, "on the last day of the meeting at which they shall have been elected." Strike from same article the words, "installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers," and insert, "forthwith installed." Strike from 1st line, Art. ix, the word "annually," and insert "biennially." Strike every thing from the constitution recognizing the existence of Grand Encampments.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of a resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed at its session of 1849, and found on page 1492 of the Journal, as adopts the Congressional Manual of Judge Sutherland for the government of the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be repealed, and it is hereby ordered that the Manual of Luther S. Cushing be adopted in the place thereof; and that this resolution go into effect at the next session of this Grand Body.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., moved to strike out "Cushing's," and insert "Jefferson's."

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question now be put?" which was agreed to. The main question was then put, "Will the Lodge accept the resolution of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va.?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Chester, of Mich., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, having examined thoroughly the vouchers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report:

Receipts from 19th Sept. 1850 to 17th Sept. 1851.

For cash on hand at last report,	-	-	\$229 73
Wildev and Honolulu Fund at last report,	-	-	1,763 04
Proceeds from sale of Ohio State Stock,	-	-	6,404 60
Received for Wildev Fund,	-	-	264 00
Representative Tax,	-	-	2,264 00
Balances paid,	-	-	12,372 36
Dues,	-	-	450 50
Cards,	-	-	3,415 65
Books,	-	-	2,424 48
Odes,	-	-	303 27
Diplomas,	-	-	241 37
Warrants,	-	-	163 00
Assessment Tax,	-	-	170 05

Draft of Northern New York, -	-	-	1,764	50
Miscellaneous, -	-	-	198	50

\$32,489 35

Disbursements,

For printing, binding, stationery, &c. -	-	\$2,471	76
Draft of Northern New York, returned, -	-	1,774	87
Salaries of officers, -	-	1,900	00
Expenses attending session at Cincinnati, -	-	204	51
Per diem and mileage, -	-	8,328	30
Rent, gas, and fuel to Grand Lodge Maryland, -	-	540	00
Card plate, -	-	125	00
Portrait and frame, (P. G. S. Kneass,) -	-	108	00
Wilkey annuity, -	-	45	00
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, -	-	3	00
Collecting draft, -	-	2	82
Postage, -	-	84	45
Incidental expenses, -	-	30	25
Insurance, -	-	8	80

\$15,626 76

Balance in Treasurer's hands, -	-	\$16,862	59
To wit, Cash in bank, -	-	\$12,545	37
Drafts in transitu, -	-	4,133	82
Cash in hand, -	-	183	40

The assets of the Grand Lodge are:

Cash in Treasurer's hands, -	-	\$16,862	59
Maryland six per cent, -	-	2,800	00
Wilkey loan, -	-	\$8000	00
Less paid, -	-	1,758	59
		6,241	41
Due from individuals, -	-	926	85
Due from G. Encampment of Connecticut, -	-	101	37

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Approximate State of Supplies.

Cards,	20,000	selling price,	\$2,000
Degree books,	800	do.	1,600
Charge books,	800	do.	1,600
Odes,	16,000	do.	480
Installation books,	400	do.	400
Grand Lodge Books,	100	do.	100
Camp work,	1,100	do.	2,200
Diplomas,	1,000	do.	1,000
Stereotype plates, 1886 pages, worth \$1 per page,			1,886

\$11,286 00

\$38,198 22

Estimates for the ensuing year.—Disbursements.

Salaries of officers, - - - -	\$1,900
Rent of room, gas, and fuel, - - -	270
Mileage and per diem of members, - -	8,000
Postage under resolution of present session, -	175
Printing and binding proceedings of Grand Lodge, -	3,000
Printing Journal during present session, - -	250
Portrait of P. G. Sire Griffin and frame, - -	108
Incidental expenses, - - - -	150
Printing cards and Encampment books, - -	1,000
	<hr/> \$14,853

Receipts.

Representative Tax, 95, \$50 - - -	\$4,750
Due from Connecticut, - - - -	101 37
For books, - - - -	2,500
For proceedings, - - - -	1,000
For cards, - - - -	5,000
For odes, - - - -	400
For diplomas, - - - -	250
For warrants, - - - -	150
For interest on stock, - - - -	160

\$14,311 37

Estimate for ordinary annual expenses, not including printing, - - - - } \$11,000

Estimate for ordinary annual receipts, - - - - \$12,000

Your committee call your attention to the fact that in lieu of cash payments, time bills of exchange have in several instances been received from Grand State Bodies, of which \$4,133 81 are now in *transitu*. Your committee do not anticipate that any one of them will be dishonored, but regard the practice as a hazardous departure from your laws.

The committee also call your attention to the indebtedness of individuals.

Your Committee found the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer correct, (excepting in a single unimportant item.) The books are kept by single entry, in a manner which renders their examination laborious in the extreme, and gives no data by which to ascertain the nett revenue arising from the sale of supplies.

Your committee have had the report of the Recording Grand Secretary, and the protest from New Jersey, under serious consideration, and deem it inexpedient to legislate relative to the late assessment upon State Grand Bodies.

Your committee take great pleasure in stating that the future probable expenses of the Grand Lodge will be met from revenue as now fixed by law. Their estimate of receipts and expenditures was prepared with great care and if it shall prove erroneous, they confidently anticipate that it will be in underrating the receipts.

They also call your attention to the fact that no bond has been

required from the Grand Treasurer, who has frequently in charge large sums of money.

The committee offer for your adoption the following resolutions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM CURTIS,
JOHN CRICKARD.

Resolved, That the following amounts be appropriated from the moneys in the treasury, for payment of salaries, &c.:

Salary of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, -	\$1900
Salary of the Grand Treasurer, -	200
Salary of the Grand Messenger, -	500
For rent, gas, fuel and Secretary's room, -	270
For mileage and per diem of members, or such sum as shall hereafter be reported and approved by the committee on mileage and per diem, -	8000
For postage, or such amount as shall be paid by the Grand Messenger, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, -	175

To Grand Messenger for services of an assistant, six days, - 12
And such sums of money as the Grand Secretary shall require for the printing and binding of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and of supplies during the ensuing year, said accounts being first approved by the Committee on Printing. Also, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue warrants for the above appropriations, and also for ordinary incidental expenses.

Resolved, That the Recording Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure forthwith a set of full bound books—to open them by double-entry—to keep separate accounts with ODES, CARDS, DIPLOMAS, each kind of DEGREE WORKING AND OTHER BOOKS—showing their cost, receipts for sale, the number printed and the number disposed of—also, nominal accounts with CHARTERS, REPRESENTATIVE TAX, SUBORDINATE TAX, &c.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is directed to take immediate steps to collect the amounts reported as due on schedule A, and to prefer charges against any and all of the individuals there named in the lodge to which they respectively belong, in the event of their neglect or refusal to pay the amounts they have collected for this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby required to enter into bonds with the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, and that said bond be presented to this body to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to invest all surplus moneys in the treasury in United States Treasury notes, bearing 6 per cent. interest, so often as such moneys shall amount to \$1000.

On motion of Rep. Chester, of Mich., the rule was suspended to enable the Lodge to consider the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Finance touching the bond to be given by the Grand Treasurer.

The resolution was accordingly considered, when Rep. Fitzbush, of Va., raised the following point of order: "At the installation the Grand Lodge had unanimously assented that the Grand Treasurer should give his bond after the close of the present session, and that therefore new legislation on that subject was out of order."

The Chair ruled the objection to be good against further proceedings on the subject at this time.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., seconded by Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 1. Strike out first paragraph, ending with "final and conclusive," and insert, "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F. It is a representative body, possessing such jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as is authorized by this constitution."

Rep. Conley, of Ga., seconded by Rep. Washington of N. C., moved the following amendments to the constitution, which were laid on the table under the rule:

Article 8. Strike out all after the words "Past Grand Sires," in the first line, and insert as follows: "Whose term had expired previous to Tuesday, the 16th September, 1851, shall be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not representatives."

Article 11. Strike out the word "third," in the second line, and insert the word "first."

Article 41. Strike out the word "Master," in the 6th line.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Jennings, of Ala., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the word "Master," and inserting after the word R. P. Degree, "and G. E. Degree."

Rep. Ely, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Insert after the words "R. P. Degree," the following: "Or a Past Grand Patriarch who shall be a Past Grand, and every candidate shall be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and of a Subordinate Encampment"

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess for half an hour, which was agreed to.

ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order of recess.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no withdrawal card shall be granted by a subordinate Lodge to one of its members who holds membership in an Encampment, unless such member accompanies his application for a withdrawal card with a certificate from his Encampment stating that he is in good standing and clear of the books of said Encampment.

Rep. Vinnigerholz, of Miss., moved to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee.

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., seconded by Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Amend it by inserting after the words "R. P. Degree," where they occur in said article, the words, "or a Past Grand Patriarch who shall be a Past Grand in good standing."

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the words, "a Past Grand Master," and inserting "Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative" instead thereof.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Sire do proceed to call the several Grand Bodies subordinate to this by States, and that the Representatives, upon such call, present such business as they may have in charge.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss. to lay the resolution on the table, it was not agreed to. The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. York, moved the following resolution, which, being a proposition to amend the rules, was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That no member of this body be permitted to speak more than twice to the same question, and at no one time more than five minutes.

The Lodge proceeded to the call of States, as required by the resolution just adopted on the motion of Rep. Dibble, of N. N. York.

Rep. Ely, of Mass, seconded by Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 3. Add, "In all elections by ballot, after the second balloting, all names except those of the highest three candidates shall be dropped from the list."

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of digesting and arranging the rules of order adopted by this R. W. Body this day, inserting in the proper place the special rules of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed — copies of the digest of the rules, for the use of the members of this body.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. York, moved the reference of the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Stuart, it was adopted.

The Chair announced the following committee under the above resolution: Reps Stuart, of D. C.; Vansant, of Md., and Askew, of Del.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five Representatives, who are now members in good standing of a State, District, or Territorial Grand Encampment, be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire, with instructions to take into consideration and report to this R. W. Body at its next session—

First: As to the propriety of altering the laws so as not to recognise the Patriarchal as a separate and distinct branch of the Order.

Secondly: If an alteration be recommended, to submit to this R. W. Body at the same time a plan by which the Subordinate Encampment degrees may be conferred by the Subordinate Lodges, and such other suggestions, upon which to base laws, as may be necessary, by the contemplated change in the laws and regulations appertaining to the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Resolved, That the committee appointed in accordance with the foregoing resolution have leave to meet at such time and place as may be determined upon by them, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, and that they be allowed the same per diem and travelling expenses as the Representatives of this R. W. Body

when attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge, provided that said committee shall not be allowed compensation for more than six days.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., raised a point of order, that similar resolutions being already on the table, they were now in order.

The Chair ruled the resolutions to be in order.

On motion of Rep. Kempton, of Ga., the resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the session of this Grand Lodge no member shall be allowed to occupy the floor more than five minutes at one time.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., to lay the proposition on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to amend by substituting ten minutes, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Jennings, of Ala., moved to amend by substituting three minutes.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., it was adopted.

Rep. Askew, of Del, seconded by Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 8. Strike out and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote and speak on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, but this privilege shall not be extended to any Grand Sire who shall not have passed the Chair at the time of the adoption of this article; provided that no Past Grand Sire shall be entitled to vote as such whilst occupying a seat as a Grand Representative."

Rep. Bebee, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Skinner, of Pa., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Strike out the word "Master," and insert after the letters "R. P." "and Grand Encampment."

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Skinner of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a brother holding a final card from a subordinate Lodge or Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and having our A. T. P. W., may deposit the same in a subordinate Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, as though the same had been granted by a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish a copy of the revised edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its foundation to and including the present session, to the members of this Grand Lodge, (as soon as the same have been published,) whenever called for.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn without day to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 10. Strike out the words, "more than one thousand members, one additional vote," and instead thereof insert as follows: "One thousand members, two votes; four thousand members, three votes; and for each additional six thousand members, one additional vote; but no Grand Body shall be entitled to more than two representatives. Should the representatives vote on different sides, the excess of votes beyond one for each, shall not be counted."

Rep. McLain, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Strike out as it appears in the Digest, page 65, the word "Master," in the 6th line.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the duty of each State Grand Body to adopt general laws for the government of subordinates within their jurisdiction, but that all subordinates have the inherent right of making local by-laws for their own government.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., the resolution was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. McLain, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on to-morrow at six o'clock P. M.

Rep. Nixon, of La., moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the rules be so amended as to make the first business in order on the second day of the annual session the calling of the States, to enable representatives to present such business as they may be desirous of bringing before this body.

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby required and directed to place to the credit, on the books of this Grand Lodge, of the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, the full amount of assessment tax paid by them respectively, and that said Grand Bodies be permitted to draw supplies for said amount of credit.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., to lay the resolution on the table—

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved to refer it to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., objected that the resolution was substantially the same as one already rejected, and therefore out of order.

The Chair ruled the resolution to be out of order, for the reasons stated by the Representative from Mississippi.

Rep. Skinner, of Pa., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Cassidy, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the drawing of the seal designed for the block of marble, &c. placed in a suitable frame, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for cost of the same.

Rep. Cassidy, of N. J., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure copies of Cushing's Manual sufficient for the use of each of the members of the Grand Lodge at the next session.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., to lay the resolution on the table, it was agreed to.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges have the legal right to determine the manner in which Past Grands shall vote in the election of Grand Officers, whether individually or collectively, by Lodges.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., to lay the resolution on the table, it was agreed to.

Rep. Meredith, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Taylor, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 18. Amend it by adding, after the word "considered," "and any amendment may be perfected in phraseology, or placed in proper shape, so that the sense be not changed."

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That as soon as the call by States shall have been gone through with, the Grand Lodge will take up the special order, being the consideration of the Ladies' Degree, in secret session, and that no other business will be entertained until said degree shall be finally disposed of.

Rep. Washington, of N. C., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was agreed to.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 12. Strike out the words "fifty dollars per annum," in the fourth clause, being the representative tax, and insert the words "twenty dollars."

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is not consistent with the rules of this Order for any one to make or use any writings relating to the degrees or rank of this Order, unless the same be done under the authority of this Grand Lodge.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

In the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges be, and they are hereby directed to prohibit Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction from assembling in convention for the purpose of legislating on any subject without having first obtained the consent of their Grand Bodies:

Beg leave respectfully to report that to them the idea of lodges of Odd-Fellows descending to meet in convention, as such, for political or other purposes, is new; and they regard it as a gross departure from the spirit and intentions of the Order. Such conventions are, in the opinion of your committee, calculated to direct the attention of the uninitiated to the Order, and excite remarks calculated to bring the Order into disrepute and discredit among all law-loving and law-abiding citizens, and should be, in the opinion of your committee, discontinued and disallowed by this right worthy Body.

Odd-Fellowship is better promoted, in the opinion of your committee, by attending its lodge meetings than by commingling in the strifes and contests for office, which are too often the generators of heartburnings, bickerings, and discord among men, uncongenial to that Friendship, Love, and Truth, which—like humility in the Christian's crown—is the brightest gem in the diadem of an Odd-Fellow.

Your committee therefore recommend that all such assemblies in the Order, as such, be discontinued and discountenanced by the several Grand State Bodies, and hereby recommend the enactment of said resolution. Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Williams, of Ohio, relative to the adoption by State Grand Bodies of general laws for the government of Subordinates, report that this subject appropriately belongs to the direction of the several State Grand Bodies. As legislative heads within their jurisdictions, the local wants of their subordinates should be their guide upon the subject. In the language of the Digest, section 1, article 3, page 47, subordinates "have no legislative power whatever, except to make by-laws for their own internal government."

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

The hour of adjournment, 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers and a due representation.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the Lodge agreed to take up the special order of the day, to wit, the report of the Committee on the Wilkey Fund.

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., the resolutions accompanying the report were adopted without a division.

On motion of Rep. Winslow, of N. C., the Lodge agreed to consider the report and resolution of the Committee on Petitions, relating to the location of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The resolution accompanying the report being under consideration—

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the previous question, which the Lodge refused to order.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., moved the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution of the committee:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge assent to the removal of the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, from Raleigh to Wilmington, in that State.

Whereupon the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., seconded by Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 11. Amend it by striking out in the 4th paragraph the words "\$50," and insert "\$25."

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., seconded by Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 14. Insert after the words "R. P. Degree" the following: "Or a Past Grand Patriarch who is also a Past Grand."

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn on Saturday evening, it adjourn without day.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., to lay the motion on the table, it was not agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Abbett, Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Bonney, Crutcher, (2 votes,) Danley, Dibble, (2 votes,) Emerson, Fitzhugh, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Kempton, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, Martin, Meredith, Penny, Potts, Remington, E. C. Robinson, Shaw, Vennigerholz, Ward, Washington, Williams, of Me., Winslow, Woodward, of Mo., (2 votes,) Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes), —36.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Bayly, of D. C., Bebee, (2 votes,) Casady, Chase, Clayton, (2 votes,) Colfax, Conley, Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Ely, (2 votes,) Farish, Gyles, Hills, (2 votes,) Jennings, Kennedy, (2 votes,) McLain, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Marley, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, Nixon, I. Robinson, Russell, G. S. Sanford, Seymour, Simes, Skinner, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stuart, of D. C., Stewart, of Del., (2 votes,) Taylor, Williams, of Ohio, Wood, Worthington—50.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Gyles, of S. C.—

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to amend by striking out "Saturday," and inserting "Monday."

Rep. Taylor, of N. J., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, which was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Gyles, of S. C.?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Munday, of Tenn., seconded by Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That no article or clause of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge shall be subject to alteration or amendment but once in two years.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., asked and obtained leave of absence for his colleague, Rep. Woodruff, of Ga.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure Regalia for the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure desks and chairs for this hall, for the use of such of the Representatives from State Grand Lodges and Encampments as are now without them.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the various amendments proposed to the constitution, and also to report a revised constitution for this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That said committee have power to sit during the recess, and that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to them the same mileage and per diem now allowed to Grand Representatives, upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary; provided, however, that per diem shall not be allowed for a longer time than one week, and that mileage be charged for each mile travelled, from their respective residences to the place of meeting and back again, for one time only.

Rep. Williams, of Me., moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That no new business will be received by this Grand Lodge (during the session) after ten o'clock to-night.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved to amend by striking out "10 o'clock to night." and inserting "after the discharge of the special order," which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 18. Amend it by providing that no proposition to amend or alter this constitution shall be received at a session during which a proposition has been

rejected embracing in substance the same matter, unless such proposed amendment or alteration proceed from a Grand State Body, and be duly authenticated.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the purchase of furniture for this hall, authorized by any resolution of this session, the Secretary shall not expend more than the sum of fifty dollars.

On motion of Rep. Shaw, of La., the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. Mitchell, of Vt., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$20, Representative tax, paid through mistake into the treasury of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, be placed to the credit of said Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That at the commencement of each session of this Grand Lodge hereafter the desks of the several States shall be numbered, and the Representatives shall proceed to draw lots therefor by States, and shall occupy during the session the desks corresponding to the drawn number.

Rep. Anners, of Pa., moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. Conley, of Ga, moved to reconsider this vote, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Baldwin, Barnard, Bebee, (2 votes,) Bonney, Chase, Colfax, Crutcher, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, Dibble, Emerson, Farish, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hills, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Jennings, Kempton, Kellogg, (2 votes,) Kingsbury, McLain, Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Munday, Narine, Penny, Perkins, Potts, Russell, Sanford, Senter, Simes, Smith, of Tenn., Vennigerholz, Ward, Washington, Williams, of Me., Williams, of Ohio, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, (2 votes)—56.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Bayley, of Md., Cassady, Clayton, (2 votes,) Conley, (2 votes,) Crickard, Fitzhugh, Kennedy, Marley, Nixon, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Shaw, Skinner, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Stuart, of D. C., (2 votes,) Stewart, of Del., (2 votes,) Taylor, Vansant, (2 votes,) Woodward, of Mo., Worthington—31.

Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved the following resolution:

Whereas the adoption of a Female Degree by this Grand Lodge is a measure which is calculated to affect for weal or woe the best interests of our Order for all time to come; and whereas a matter of so much importance should not be acted upon hastily, or without due and full consideration by the Order at large; Therefore, in order that each State jurisdiction may have an opportunity of expressing understandingly an opinion pro or con on the measure—

Be it Resolved, That final action on the report of the Committee on said degree be deferred until the next regular session of this Grand Lodge, and that each State Grand Lodge be furnished with a copy of said report, through their Grand

Representatives, whose duty it shall be to give information on the unwritten work connected with said degree, at a secret session appointed for the purpose of considering the same, during the next annual communication of each Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., to indefinitely postpone the resolution—

Rep. Vansant, of Md., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution moved by Rep. Hardie, of Iowa?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That six o'clock to-morrow evening be fixed as the hour of adjournment of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved to amend by striking out "six," and inserting "four o'clock."

On motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. Danley, of Ark., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge present one printed copy of the Ladies' Degree to each Subordinate Lodge in the United States, through the G. Representatives, (should the same not pass at this session,) in order that the several Grand Representatives at the next annual communication may reflect the will of their constituents on this subject.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. Ward, of N. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Meredith, of Ind., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 18. Amend it by striking out after the words "Grand Lodge" all that follows, and inserting, "By a subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in good standing under this jurisdiction, and shall be entered on the minutes. At the next annual communication the amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of this Constitution."

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to have all pending amendments to the Constitution arranged and printed in the same form as those used at this session, and ready for use at the opening of the session of 1852.

Rep. Hills, of Mass., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn to-morrow, it adjourn at 4 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution—

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to amend it, by striking out "four," and inserting "ten o'clock P. M."

Rep. Hills, of Mass., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as

follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Hills, of Mass.?" which was agreed to.

Rep. Smith, of Ky., seconded by Rep. Magruder of D. C., moved to amend the constitution as follows, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 12. In the second line strike out the figures "50," and insert "35."

Rep. Smith, of Ky., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing Grand Encampments and the system of benefits in Subordinate Encampments, and that, if in their opinion such change or any change in the Patriarchal Branch of the Order is feasible and desirable, they report at the next communication such amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States as may be needful to effect the same.

Rep. Hills, of Mass., objected to the proposition as out of order, a similar proposition having already been rejected.

The Chair ruled it out of order on that ground.

On motion of Rep. Anners, of Pa., it was

Resolved, That when the Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the statement of P. G. Sire Griffin, in connexion with the contribution of a block of marble by this R. W. Grand Body to the Washington Monument, report that, owing to the fact that nearly all of the original committee have ceased to be members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also difficulties growing out of the work itself, the execution of the order of the Grand Lodge has been delayed far beyond the time originally contemplated.

The expense of the work, it also appears, exceeds the estimate originally made. This excess, the undersigned are confident, has arisen out of the desire of the committee to present a work at once worthy of the object and the contributor; and while they would, as a general proposition, protest against the exceeding on the part of the committee of the appropriation subject to their order, they believe, in the present instance, that the brother who performed the work should not be allowed to suffer, especially as the committee are assured that the account exhibited by him is the actual cost of the stone and labor, and does not include one cent of profit.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN CRICKARD.

Resolved, That when the stone is completed and delivered to the proper authorities at Washington, the Grand Sire be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of \$450, in full payment for the said stone and work, and labor in connexion therewith, and that the former appropriation of \$300 be and is hereby repealed.

On motion of Rep. Cassady, of N. J., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the committee on the subject of a portrait for P. G. Sire Griffin; which having been considered, was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Askew, of Del, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct, and therefore recommend its approval by this Grand Lodge.

H. F. ASKEW,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WM. CHIDSEY.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., leave of absence was granted to his colleague, P. G. M. Small, of N. York.

Rep. Williams, of Me., asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Mitchell, of Vt., asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Smith, of Ky., Potts, of Ill., Emerson and Kingsbury, of Me., asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Rep. Ely, leave of absence was granted to his colleagues, Reps. Ellison and Wells, of Mass.

On motion of Rep. Stewart, of Del., leave of absence was granted to his colleague, Rep. Gear, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, Sept. 20—8 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.—Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, beg leave respectfully to report, that after a careful examination thereof they find nothing incompatible with the laws and regulations of the Order. The Committee would therefore recommend its approval by this Grand Lodge.

H. F. ASKEW,
WM. CHIDSEY,
C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved that the Lodge now take up the special order, to wit, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Female Degree, which was agreed to.

The report of the committee on that subject being under consideration—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered.

The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the degree recommended by the report of the said Committee?"

At this stage of the proceedings—

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., inquired of the Chair what vote was necessary to pass the main question, the purpose being, as the inquirer conceived, to add to the unwritten work of the Order?

The Chair ruled that, in his judgment, as the pending proposition contemplated introducing into the Order a new and distinct feature, which neither made nor involved the change of a single letter or word of the existing work, the vote of a majority of the members present was competent to pass it.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., inquired whether, if the proposed degree were adopted, it would not, under the Constitution, require an unanimous vote to expunge it?

The Chair ruled that, in his judgment, if it should be now adopted, it would not require a greater vote than a majority to expunge it from the work.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., inquired whether, if this degree were adopted, it would not become a part of the unwritten work of the Order? and whether it would not then, under the Constitution, require an unanimous vote to expunge it?

The clause of the Constitution bearing on this subject, which was adopted at the session of 1848, provides "that the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by an unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge, and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

The Chair reiterated his decision, viz: That the provision incorporated in the Constitution at the session of 1848 was designed to protect the existing work of the Order; that the said work would not be in any way changed or affected by the pending proposition; that this proposition had in view a special object, without having any necessary or inseparable connexion with the existing written or unwritten work; that the degree for women now proposed simply conferred a privilege, and did not necessarily affect the brethren now in possession of the work, because they were not required to avail themselves of this privilege. Therefore, the pending proposition being in fact merely to adopt a side degree, the decision of the Chair is, that it can be now adopted by a majority vote, and, in the same manner, if it shall be adopted, it can hereafter be expunged by a majority vote.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., appealed from this decision of the Chair.

And the question being "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Baldwin, (2 votes,) Barnard, Bebee, Cassady, Chidsey, Colfax, Crutcher, Danley, Dibble, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackelman, Hinsdale, Jennings, Langworthy, McLain, (2 votes,) Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Munday, Narine, (2 votes,) Perkins, (2 votes,) Potts, I. Robinson, Russell, Smith, of Ky., Smith, of Tenn., Stewart, of Del., (2 votes,) Trippe, Vennigerholz, Ward, Wood, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes.)—40.

NAYS—Abbett, (2 votes,) Anners, Askew, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. C., Chester, Clayton, Conley, (2 votes,) Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) Ely, (2 votes,) Farish, Fitzhugh, Hale, Hardie, (2 votes,) Hills, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Kempton, Kellogg, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) Magruder, Marley, Mitchell, Remington, E. C. Robinson, Seymour, Senter, Shaw, Skinner, Stuart, of D. C., Williams, of Ohio, (2 votes.) Worthington—40.

The Lodge being equally divided, the Chair was proceeding to state that he should not avail himself of a precedent set in the National House of Representatives, (and which had been adopted as part of the rules of this body,) of giving the casting vote in his own favor, when

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., rose and invited attention to the fact that the fourth article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge required the Chair to give the casting vote in all cases of equal division.

Whereupon the Chair sustained its own decision, by giving the casting vote in favor of it.

The question recurred on the main question, to wit, the adoption of the Degree proposed by the committee, which was resolved in the affirmative, the yeas and nays being as follows:

YEAS—Baldwin (2 votes,) Barnard, Bebee, Bonney, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, Colfax, Conley, (2 votes,) Crutcher, Danley, DeSausure, Dibble, Gyles, Hackelman, Hills, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Jennings, Kellogg, Langworthy, McLain, (2 votes,) Manchester, (2 votes,) Martin, Meredith, Munday, Narine, Potts, Russell, Shaw, Smith, of Ky., (2 votes,) Smith, of Tenn., Stewart, of Del., (2 votes,) Trippe, Vennigerholz, Ward, Williams, of Me., Wood, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes.)—46.

NAYS—Abbett, (2 votes,) Anners, Askew, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. C., Chase, (2 votes,) Clayton, Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) Ely, (2 votes,) Farish, Fitzhugh, Hale, Hardie, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Kempton, Kingsbury, (2 votes,) Magruder, Marley, Mitchell, Perkins, Remington, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Seymour, Senter, Skinner, Stuart, of D. C., Winslow, (2 votes,) Worthington—37.

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved to reconsider the above vote; and on motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Bayley, of Md., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 2. Amend it, in the second line, by striking out "Monday" and inserting "Wednesday."

Rep. Ely, of Mass., seconded by Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article —. Amend it as follows: "The Grand Lodge shall choose a committee of five from among the present or past members of the body, which shall be called the Judicial Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall rank as officers of this Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear and pass upon all constitutional and legal questions that may arise between this Grand Lodge and any State Grand Lodge or Encampment, or any Representative of any State Grand Body.

"The committee shall be chosen at first, one for one, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years, and subsequently one shall be chosen each year for the period of five years. They shall be chosen separately by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast. If there be no election on the second ballot, the names of all candidates except the highest three on the list shall be dropped.

"The Grand Lodge may at any meeting fill any vacancy in this committee.

"The committee shall meet and sit at and during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, when all questions shall be argued before them orally or in writing, and their decisions shall be final, unless reversed by a three-fourth vote of the Grand Lodge.

"Any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or any Grand Representative, may at any time appeal from any decision of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Site, upon any legal or constitutional question, to this committee, and shall be heard.

"Members of this committee shall be entitled to speak in this Grand Lodge, but not vote, unless they be representatives."

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., seconded by Rep. Trippe, of Wis., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 2. Amend it by striking out the word "Monday" and inserting "Wednesday."

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit, "That Subordinate Encampments be permitted at their option to hold either one or two sessions in each month," would respectfully report that they have given the subject as much consideration as their time will permit, and are satisfied that the bodies referred to in said resolution are more capable of judging of their wants and necessities than this R. W. Body; and your committee believe that the interest of Subordinate Encampments would be greatly promoted by granting to them the power asked for in such resolution. Your committee therefore recommend the enactment of said resolution. All which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., seconded by Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 12. Amend by striking out the following, to wit: "The expenses of representatives and officers (excepting those to whom stated salaries are given) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be paid by the Grand Lodge."

Rep. Narine, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that they have received a proposal from Bro. James Young, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of the Daily and Revised Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. No others were received, and the estimate being considered reasonable, the Committee have entered into a contract for the execution of the work, to be done in the best manner, on good quality paper, under the direction of the Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, to be approved of by the Committee on Printing, and to be delivered at the Grand Secretary's office. The agreement accompanies this report, and the committee recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES NARINE,
WM. BAYLEY.

Rep. Williams, of Me., seconded by Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved the following amendment to the Constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 1. Amend by inserting the words "added to" after the words, in the last clause, "That the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be," and also by inserting the words "added to" after the words, "the written work of the Order shall in no wise be," in the same clause.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., the Lodge resolved itself into secret session for the purpose of instruction in the Female Degree.

After instruction, the Lodge closed its secret session, and proceeded to its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., it was resolved that the Grand Secretary notify the various Grand Encampments of the change in the O. B. N. of that degree.

Rep. Annars, of Pa., moved that the Lodge now take up the report of the Committee on Constitutions, touching the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Fitzhugh moved to amend by striking out the report of the Committee on Constitutions, and substituting the following: "The reports of Committees generally, as they appear in the order of the daily journal;" which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Lodge accordingly proceeded to consider the reports of committees as they respectively appeared upon the daily journal.

The first report being that of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1720, upon certain inquiries from the Grand Encampment of Mississippi concerning withdrawal cards, it was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., was adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1721 on certain resolutions submitted by the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1722, in answer to certain interrogatories from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., was adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1722, in the matter of complaint of the Grand Lodge of Virginia against Cedar Key Lodge, of Iowa, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., was adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Appeals, page 1723 on the appeal of P. G. M. Segar, of Va., was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., was adopted.

The next report, being of the same committee, in the case of Alfred Davis, of Ohio, page 1723 with the resolution accompanying, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Smith, of Tenn., adopted.

The next report, of same committee, and resolution accompanying, in the case of P. C. P. Thos. Shields, of La., page 1724 was considered.

On motion of Rep. Woodward, of Ill., to lay the report on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee and resolution accompanying, they were adopted.

The next report, of same committee, being an appeal of United Brothers Lodge, of S. N. Y., page 1724 was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Annors, of Pa., adopted.

The next report, of same committee, and resolution accompanying, page 1734 on the appeal of Jefferson Lodge, of Indiana, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Curtis, of Pa., to adopt the report and accompanying resolution,

Rep. Hackelman, of Ind., moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*reversed*," in the resolution, and substituting the word "*affirmed*."

Rep. Martin, of Miss., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, which was put as follows, "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Appeals and the resolution accompanying it?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, of same committee, on the appeal of P. G. M. W. S. Howard, of Tenn., with the resolution accompanying, page 1734 was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Smith, of Tenn., adopted.

Rep. Winslow, of N. C., moved to reconsider the vote by which this report and resolution were adopted, when,

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The next report, being of the Legislative Committee, page 1739

on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Maine, touching prerogatives of P. G. Sires, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Curtis of Pa., was adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1739 being on certain inquiries from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana concerning a synopsis of the decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., adopted.

The next report, of same committee, with accompanying resolution, page 1739, being on the resolution of Rep. Senter, of N. H., was considered.

On motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., to adopt the report and resolution,

Rep. Nixon, of La., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the committee?" which was agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, (2 votes,) Baldwin, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. C., Barnard, Bonney, Cassady, Chester, Clayton, Colfax, (2 votes,) Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, (2 votes,) Curtis, Danley, DeSaussure, Dibble, (2 votes,) Ely, Farish, Fitzhugh, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hills, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Jennings, (2 votes,) Kennedy, Kempton, Kellogg, Marley, Martin, Meredith, Munday, Narine, Nixon, Papy, Penny, Pindell, Potts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Russell, Seymour, Shaw, Skinner, (2 votes,) Stewart, of Del., Trippe, Vansant, Vennigerholz, (2 votes,) Winslow, Woodward, Worthington—63.

NAYS—Abbett, Bebee, Chidsey, Hale, (2 votes,) McLain, Magruder, Manchester, Stuart, Taylor, Ward, (2 votes,) Wood, Woodward, of Ill.—14.

The next report, being of the Finance Committee, on the protest of the Grand Lodge of N. N. York, against the payment of interest and exchange on protested draft, page 1740, was considered.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to adopt the report.

Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved to recommit the report to the committee.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., moved to amend the motion to recommit, by instructing the committee to report a resolution in conformity with the request of the Grand Lodge of N. N. York, which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Appeals, in the case of P. G. Belcher, of La., page 1743 was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., was adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, on the appeal of P. G. M. Jas. D. Stewart, of La., with the accompanying resolution, page 1743 was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., was adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Correspondence, page 1744 was considered and adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Grand Lodges not represented, touching the application of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, for aid, page 1744 with the resolution accompanying, was considered.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., moved to strike out the words "insured and," in the last line of the first resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to strike out all of the first resolution after the words "No. 1," in the 5th line, down to and including the word "dollars," in the 7th line.

At this stage of the proceedings, on motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., and by unanimous consent,

Bro. Webster, the Delegate from the Sandwich Islands, addressed the Lodge in explanation of the character of the Brotherhood in that distant country, and of the necessity and justice of their claim; upon the conclusion of which,

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to amend as follows:

Strike out the first resolution. Strike out in the second resolution the words "said building," and insert "the erection of a Hall to an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Ely, of Mass., to the amendment of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.,

Rep. McLain, of Ohio, asked a division of the question presented by the amendment of Rep. Ely, of Mass., and the question being on the first branch of the amendment, to wit, "Strike out the first resolution reported by the committee," it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the second branch of the amendment, to wit, "Strike out, in the second resolution, the words, 'said building,' and insert 'the erection of a Hall to an amount not to exceed \$2,000,'" it was agreed to, and the report of the committee, with accompanying resolutions, and the amendment of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., as thus amended, was adopted.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., by unanimous consent, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem respectfully report the annexed tabular statement. In arranging the table your committee have endeavored to comply strictly with the intentions of the Grand Lodge in computing the distances travelled, but have found it impossible to confine themselves to the literal construction of the resolution of 1850, as reported by the Finance Committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as on many of the "nearest mail routes" there are no facilities whatever for travellers. Believing, therefore, that the nearest *usually travelled* mail routes was within the scope of the resolution, your committee have based their estimates upon such a construction.

Your committee are aware of the difficulty of computing the exact distances over many of the routes, and also of their inability to meet the views of every member of this body, but believing that the statement is as nearly correct as their means of information would allow, they respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution.

JAS. W. HALE.

SAM'L PENNY,

H. B. HINSDALE.

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem, as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, be, and the same is hereby ordered to be paid.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days of Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
M. W. G. S. Wm. W. Moore.	Washington, D. C.	40	6	\$4 00	\$18 00	\$22 00
R. W. D. G. S. H. L. Page.	Milwaukee, Wis.	1,320	6	132 00	18 00	150 00
R. W. G. Chap. J. M. Willey.	Stonington, Conn.	350	6	35 00	18 00	53 00
R. W. G. Mar. John Sessford.	Washington, D. C.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt.	Baltimore, Md.	....	6	...	18 00	18 00
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.						
P. G. S. Robt. H. Griffin.	Savannah, Geo.	686	1	68 60	3 00	71 60
P. D. G. S. A. S. Kellogg.	Detroit, Mich *	910	1	45 50	3 00	48 50
P. G. Chap. E. M. P. Wells.	Boston, Mass.	440	1	44 00	3 00	47 00
P. G. Mar. H. A. Crane.	Savannah, Geo.	686	1	68 60	3 00	71 60
REPRESENTATIVES.						
Abbett, T. M.	Baltimore, Md.	....	6	....	18 00	18 00
Anners, H. F.	Philadelphia, Pa.	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Askew, H. F.	Wilmington, Del.	75	6	7 50	18 00	25 50
Baldwin, L. E.	Windham, Conn.	350	6	35 00	18 00	53 00
Bayley, Wm.	Baltimore, Md.	....	6	....	18 00	18 00
Bayly, W. F.	Washington, D. C.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Barnard, D. P.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Bebee, H. Y.	Ravenna, Ohio.	850	5	85 00	15 00	100 00
Bonney, J. H.	Keosauqua, Iowa.	1,620	6	162 00	18 00	180 00
Cassady, J. M.	Camden, N. J.	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Chase, F. R.	Conway, N. H.	565	6	56 50	18 00	74 50
Chester, J.	Detroit, Mich.	910	5	91 00	15 00	106 00
Chidsey, W.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	700	6	70 00	18 00	88 00
Clayton, J. G.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Collax, S.	South Bend, Ind.	950	6	95 00	18 00	113 00
Conley, B.	Augusta, Geo.	730	6	73 00	18 00	91 00
Crickard, J.	New Orleans, La.	1,490	6	149 00	18 00	167 00
Crutcher, W.	Vicksburg, Miss.	1,800	6	180 00	18 00	198 00
Curtis, Wm.	Philadelphia, Pa.	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Danley, J. M.	Little Rock, Ark.	1,700	5	170 00	15 00	185 00
DeSaussure, W. G.	Charleston, S. C.	585	6	58 50	18 00	76 50
Dibble, E. C.	Batavia, N. Y.	635	6	63 50	18 00	81 50
Emerson, N.	Orland, Maine.	710	6	71 00	18 00	89 00
Ellison, W.	Boston, Mass.	440	5	44 00	18 00	62 00
Ely, A. B.	Boston, Mass.	440	6	44 00	18 00	62 00
Farish, O.	Galveston, Texas.	1,940	6	194 00	15 00	212 00
Fitzhugh, E. H.	Wheeling, Va.	310	6	31 00	18 00	49 00
Gear, Wm. H.	Wilmington, Del.	75	5	7 50	18 00	25 50
Gyles, J. A.	Charleston, S. C.	585	6	58 50	18 00	76 50
Hale, Jas. W.	New York, N. Y.	200	6	20 00	15 00	35 00
Hackleman, P. A.	Rushville, Ind.	770	6	77 00	18 00	95 00
Hansford, C. R.	Montgomery, Ala.	1,125	6	112 50	18 00	130 50
Hardie, Thos.	Dubuque, Iowa.	1,420	6	142 00	18 00	160 00
Hills, P. K.	Newburyport, Mass.	480	6	48 00	18 00	66 00
Hinsdale, H. B.	Kenosha, Wis.	1,285	6	128 50	18 00	146 50
Jennings, W. E.	Mobile, Ala.	1,325	6	132 50	18 00	150 50
Kennedy, J. A.	New York, N. Y.	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Kempton, E. S.	Savannah, Geo.	666	6	66 60	18 00	84 60
Kellogg, A. S.	Detroit, Mich.*	910	6	45 50	18 00	63 50
Kingsbury, B. Jr.	Portland, Maine.	550	6	55 00	18 00	73 00
Langworthy, A. J.	Milwaukee, Wis.	1,320	6	132 00	18 00	150 00
McLain, Thos. J.	Warren, Ohio.	875	6	87 50	18 00	105 50
Magruder, W. B.	Washington, D. C.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Manchester, H. A.	Providence, R. I.	400	6	40 00	18 00	58 00
Marley, R.	Baltimore, Md.	....	6	....	18 00	18 00
Martin, W. T.	Natchez, Miss.	1,700	6	170 00	18 00	188 00

* $\frac{1}{2}$ Mileage to A. S. Kellogg, as Dep. G. Sire, and $\frac{1}{2}$ Mileage as Rep. from Mich.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days of Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Meredith, S.....	Cambridge City, Ind.	770	6	77 00	18 00	95 00
Mitchell, J.....	Burlington, Vt....	480	6	48 00	18 00	66 00
Morton, E.....	Nashville, Tenn....	1,030	6	103 00	18 00	121 00
Munday, W. S.....	Nashville Tenn....	1,030	6	103 00	18 00	121 00
Narine, Jas.....	Jersey City, N. J.	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Nixon, J. O.....	New Orleans, La....	1,490	6	149 00	18 00	167 00
Papy, M. D.....	Tallahassee, Fla....	1,110	6	111 00	18 00	129 00
Penny, S.....	Mobile, Ala.....	1,325	6	132 50	18 00	150 50
Perkins, L.....	St. Louis, Mo.,...	1,200	6	120 00	18 00	138 00
Pindell, H. C.....	Lexington, Ky....	825	6	82 50	18 00	100 50
Potts, J. G.....	Galea, Ill.....	1,400	6	140 00	18 00	158 00
Remington, W. H.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	1,200	6	120 00	18 00	138 00
Robinson, E. C.....	Norfolk, Va.....	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Robinson, I.....	Martinsburg, Va....	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Russell, R. F.....	Auburn, N. Y.....	525	6	52 50	18 00	70 50
Sanford, G. S.....	Bridgeport, Conn....	280	6	28 00	18 00	46 00
Seymour, R. W.....	Charleston, S. C....	5-5	6	58 50	18 00	76 50
Seuter, T. G.....	Portsmouth, N. H....	500	6	50 00	18 00	68 00
Shaw, G. W.....	New Orleans, La....	1,490	6	149 00	18 00	167 00
Simes, S. H.....	Portsmouth, N. H....	500	6	50 00	18 00	68 00
Simpson, J. A.....	Philadelphia, Pa....	100	2	10 00	6 00	16 00
Skinner, S.....	Philadelphia, Pa....	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Small, Wilson.....	New York, N. Y.....	200	5	20 00	15 00	35 00
Smith, Ballard.....	Louisville, Ky....	850	6	85 00	18 00	103 00
Smith, G. P.....	Nashville, Tenn....	1,030	6	103 00	18 00	121 00
Stuart, F. D.....	Washington, D. C....	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Stewart, James.....	Middleford, Del....	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Taylor, J. N.....	Patterson, N. J....	215	6	21 50	18 00	39 50
Trippe, D. C.....	Whitewater, Wis....	1,365	6	136 50	18 00	154 50
Vansant, J.....	Baltimore, Md....	.....	6	.....	18 00	18 00
Vennigerholz, C. T.....	Natchez, Miss....	1,700	6	170 00	18 00	188 00
Ward, T. A.....	New York, N. Y.....	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Washington, J. N.....	New Berne, N. C....	405	6	40 50	18 00	58 50
Wells, S.....	Northampton, Mass.	370	4	37 00	12 00	49 00
Wheeler, J. M.....	Providence, R. I....	400	6	40 00	18 00	58 00
Williams, J. H.....	Portland, Maine....	550	6	55 00	18 00	73 00
Williams, W. G.....	Cincinnati, Ohio....	700	6	70 00	18 00	88 00
Winslow, J.....	Payetteville, N. C....	450	6	45 00	18 00	63 00
Wood, J.....	Providence, R. I....	400	6	40 00	18 00	58 00
Woodruff, M.....	Columbus, Geo....	1,015	5	101 50	15 00	116 50
Woodward, E. K.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	1,200	6	120 00	18 00	138 00
Woodward, G. W.....	Galea, Ill.....	1,400	6	140 00	18 00	158 00
Worthington, W. C.....	Charlestown, Va....	95	5	9 50	15 00	24 50
Total .....	.....	64,173	554	\$6,417 30	\$1 662 00	\$8,079 30

On motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day, was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., moved that the Grand Lodge take a recess until 1 o'clock, which was not agreed to.

The Lodge again proceeded to the special order, being the reports of committees, as they appeared in the order of the journal.

The next report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Northern New York, Louisiana, and also of the Grand Encampment of N. New York, page 1748 which was considered.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., to adopt the report—

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved to strike out "G. Lodge of N. New York and Grand Encampment of N. New York" from the report.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered by the Lodge, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was agreed to.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1748 on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was considered, together with the accompanying resolution.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on Constitutions as refers to the digest of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia be not assented to, said digest not having been presented for the revision of said committee.

Resolved, That the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, adopted by that body at its April session, 1851, be and the same is hereby approved.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered by the Lodge, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee, with the accompanying resolution?" which was agreed to.

The next report, of the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, page 1748 was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1749 on the constitution of Mechanics' Lodge, Florida, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1749 on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pa., was considered.

Rep. Curtis, of Pa., moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and is hereby authorized, at their semi-annual session in November, to provide by-laws for the election of their officers at its annual session in May next.

Whereupon the report, as amended, was, on motion of Rep. Annors, of Pa., adopted.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved that the Lodge reconsider the vote adopting the report of the Committee on Constitutions, with accompanying resolution, touching the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The Lodge resumed the special order.

The next report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1750 on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Askew of Del., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1754 on the resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pa, touching the construction of section 5, article 1, division 3 Digest, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Printing, on the subject of the new edition of the journals and digested index, page 1754 with the resolution accompanying, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Vansant, of Md., adopted.

Rep. Nixon, of La., asked and obtained leave to enter upon the journal that if he had been present when the vote was taken to adopt the Female Degree, he would have voted in the negative.

Rep. Washington, of N. C., asked and obtained leave to enter upon the journal that if he had been present when the vote was taken to adopt the Female Degree, he should have voted in the negative.

The next report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1756 on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Petitions, page 1756 approving the warrants issued by the Grand Sire during the recess, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1757 touching the location of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, and the confirmation of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 8, Florida, was considered.

By unanimous consent, leave was granted to the committee to amend the second resolution accompanying the report as follows:

After the words "Grand Encampment," in the second line, insert the words "when instituted."

And the report and resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The next report, being of the Legislative Committee, on the restoration of the three months term, with accompanying resolution, pages 1757, was considered.

Rep. Clayton, of S. N. Y., moved to strike out the word "inexpedient," in the resolution, and to substitute the word "expedient," which was not agreed to.

Rep. Clayton, of S. N. Y., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to strike out all the report except the first paragraph.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Legislative Committee, with the accompanying resolution?" which was agreed to.

The next report of the majority of the same committee, page

1763 on the resolution of Rep. Narine, of N. J., touching the location of Grand Bodies; also the minority report of the same committee on that subject, page 1766 were considered.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved to adopt the recommendation of the majority report.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to amend by substituting the minority report.

Rep. Ely, of Mass., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered by the Lodge and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the recommendation of the majority report of the Legislative Committee?" which was agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Baldwin, (2 votes,) Barnard, Bebee, Bonney, Casady, Chase, (2 votes,) Chidsey, Colfax, Crickard, Curtis, (2 votes,) Danley, DeSaussure, Dibble, Ely, (2 votes,) Farish, Fitzhugh, Gyles, Hackleman, Hardie, Hills, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Jennings, Kempton, Langworthy, McLain, (2 votes,) Magruder, Manchester, (2 votes,) Meredith, Munday, Narine, Papy, Potts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Russell, Seymour, Shaw, Skinner, Smith, of Tenn., Stewart, of Del., (2 votes,) Taylor, Trippe, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Ward, (2 votes,) Washington, Williams, of Ohio, Winslow, Wood, Woodward, of Ill., (2 votes,) Worthington—61.

NAYS.—Abbett, Askew, Bayley, of Md., Bayly, of D. C. Chester, Clayton, Conley, (2 votes,) Crutcher, Hale, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Kellogg, Marley, Martin, Nixon, Perkins, (2 votes,) Remington, Stuart, of D. C., Woodward, of Mo.—21.

The next report, being of the Committee on Appeals, page 1763 in the matter of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., was adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Petitions, page 1765 touching the removal of the Grand Encampment of Va., was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., laid on the table.

The next report, being of the Committee on Returns, page 1764 was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., was adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Appeals, page 1767 on the appeal of C. Theodore Vennigerholz, of Miss., was considered.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to report in conformity with his memorial.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Appeals?" which was agreed to.

The next report, being of the same committee, same page, on the appeal of P. G. Ebenezer Winchester, of New York, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, page

1769 on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Finance, page 1770 on the memorial of the Grand Encampment of N. N. York, for return of charter fee paid by that body, was considered.

Rep. Papy, of Florida, moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was agreed to.

The next report, being of the Committee on Appeals, page 1770 on the appeal of P. H. P. George W. Hufty, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Ely, of Mass., adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Washington, of N. C., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Danley, of Ark., page 1720 of the journal, beg leave to report that they can see no objection to granting the request contained in said resolution, and therefore recommend that the resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Chester, of Mich., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, in obedience to your instructions, report for your adoption the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
J. CRICKARD.

Resolved That the R. W. Grand Secretary return to the Grand Lodge of N. New York eighty-four dollars and twenty-two cents.

Rep. Washington, of N. C., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Narine, of N. J., (see page 1712 of the journal.) have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they are unanimously of the opinion that uniformity in the membership of Grand Encampments would materially contribute to the harmony and prosperity of that branch of the Order. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

JNO. N. WASHINGTON,
B. CONLEY

Resolved, That hereafter no Patriarch shall be admitted as a member of any State, District, or Territorial Grand Encampment unless he be a P. C. P.

The Lodge resumed the special order.

The next report, being of the Committee on Finance, page 1773 remitting the dues of California Lodge, was considered, and, with the accompanying resolution, on motion of Rep. Chester, of Mich., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1775 in answer to the inquiry of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Nixon, of La., adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Chester, of Mich., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance report the following resolution for your adoption.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN CRICKARD.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be paid the sum of ten dollars for keeping the Lodge in order.

The next report, being of the Committee on Finance, page 1777 was considered.

Rep. Chester, of Mich., from the Committee on Finance, asked and obtained leave to amend the resolutions accompanying the report, as follows:

In the first resolution strike out the words "*Printing Committee*," and substitute the following: "*M. W. G. Sire*." Strike out the fourth resolution, and substitute the following: "*Resolved*, That the penal sum to be inserted in the bond required of the Grand Treasurer be changed from \$10,000 to \$4000."

Four o'clock, the hour fixed for adjournment *sine die*, having arrived within a few minutes—

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to extend the time of adjournment *sine die* until five o'clock, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to strike out the first paragraph of the report, as follows:

"The committee call your attention to the fact that in lieu of cash payments, time bills of exchange have, in several instances, been received from State Grand Bodies, of which \$4,133.81 are now in transitu. Your committee do not anticipate that any one of them will be dishonored, but regard the practice as a hazardous departure from your laws."

Which was agreed to, and the report was accordingly recommitted.

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented the following paper:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, beg to tender their resignations as members of that committee.

JOHN CHESTER,
WM. CURTIS,
J. CRICKARD.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved to accept the resignation of the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Narine, of N. J., moved to lay the resignation of the Committee on Finance on the table,

And the question being first on the motion to lay on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to accept the resignation, it was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Chair was requested to appoint a Committee on Finance; whereupon—

The Chair named Reps. Abbett, of Md., Fitzhugh, of Va., and Smith, of Tenn., as the committee.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order, to wit, reports of committees, in the order in which they appear on the journal.

The next report, being of the Legislative Committee, page 1785 upon the subject of the assemblage of Subordinate Lodges in conventions, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1786 relative to the adoption of general laws by State Grand Bodies, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 1791 touching the block of marble ordered for the Washington Monument, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Curtis of Pa., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1792 on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Crickard, of La., adopted.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended, and the Lodge agreed to consider reports of committees made this day, in the order in which they were respectively presented.

The first report, being of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1792 approving the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., adopted.

The next report, being of the Legislative Committee, page 1795 referring to the sessions of Encampments, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Anners, of Pa., ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, being of the Committee on Printing, page 1796 was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Grand Secretary was authorized to return the cards to the applicants for a charter for Ridgely Lodge of Florida, to enable them to apply to the Grand Lodge of that State for a charter.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 1805 on the resolution of Rep. Danley, of Ark., was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., adopted.

The next report, being of the Committee on Finance, page 1805 made in obedience to instructions to report a resolution to return to the Grand Lodge of N. New York \$84.22, was considered, and adopted.

The next report, being of the Legislative Committee, page 1805 on the resolution of Rep. Narine, of N. J., was considered.

On motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., the report and resolution were ordered to lie on the table.

The Chair named Reps. Stuart, of D. C., Vansant, of Md., and Askew, of Del., as the committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of D. C. for digesting the rules of order.

The Chair named as the committee provided for by the report of the Committee on Printing, empowered to revise and approve the index to the journals, Reps. Magruder, of D. C., Kennedy, of S. N. Y., and Marley, of Md.

Rep. Abbett, of Md., from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommended the report of the former committee, with instructions to strike out the paragraph of the report in words following: "The committee call your attention to the fact that in lieu of cash payments, time bills of exchange have in several instances been received from State Grand Bodies, of which \$4,133.81 are now *in transitu*. Your committee do not anticipate that any one of them will be dishonored, but regard the practice as a hazardous departure from your laws:" made a report in conformity with the instructions of the Lodge, which was, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., adopted.

Rep. Smith, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be and is hereby authorized and directed to mail eight copies of this day's printed proceedings to each of the Officers and Representatives of this Body.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., returned to the treasury fifteen dollars, being an excess of mileage allowed and paid to him, more than he considered himself legally entitled to.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., also returned ten dollars to the treasury, being an excess of mileage allowed and paid to him, more than he considered himself legally entitled to.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the price of the bound volume, to be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, of the Ladies Degree shall be fixed at one dollar, and that as soon as printed and bound the Grand Secretary shall furnish them to Grand Lodges at that price.

On motion of Rep. Stuart, of D. C., the Grand Secretary was authorized to have three hundred copies of the rules of order printed, when reported by the committee on that subject.

On motion of Rep. Martin, of Miss., the Lodge agreed to consider the resolution of Rep. Pindell, of Ky., page 1768 touching the annual reports of Grand Bodies; which being under consideration—

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "and invested funds," after the word "amounts," in the second line of the resolution, which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Trippe, of Wis., seconded by Rep. Pindell, of Ky., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Amend constitution by striking out all provisions recognizing the existence of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, which are hereby abolished, and the G. Lodge shall provide by-laws for the conferring of the encampment degrees by Subordinate Lodges, and shall make such other regulations as may be necessary in consequence of the adoption of this article.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., seconded by Rep. Jennings, of Ala., moved the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Article 11. Amend by striking out "the third Monday in September," and inserting "the second Thursday in September."

Rep. Beebe, of Ohio, moved to take up the resolution, page 1771 approving the removal of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from Cincinnati to Columbus, which was agreed to, and the resolution considered and adopted.

The hour having arrived that was fixed for adjourning *sine die*—

The R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace in earnest prayer for the individual and collective welfare of the Brotherhood, and the general prosperity of the Order at large.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
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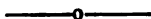
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